

**ROTHERHAM STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
(SACRE)  
THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2022**

Present:-

**Group A**

D. Homer  
T. Williams

**Group B**

H. Lambert (Chair)

**Group C**

L. Melvin  
E. Nicholls  
A. Benbow

**Group D**

Councillor Griffin  
Councillor Keenan

Also in attendance were Vanessa Gregory (Co-optee) and Beth Cunningham (Observer.)

Apologies were received from Nathan Heath, Fiona Radford and Salma Yasseen.

**28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**29. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no matters of business for which it was deemed necessary to exclude members of the public or press.

**30. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the last meeting on 22 September 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

With regards to Minute 25, it was confirmed that proposed dates had been sent to the Mayor's Office for the REwards ceremony that was due to take place in Spring/Summer 2023.

In relation to Minute 23, it was confirmed that a date had been agreed to the Conference but only 11 people had so far signed up. It was agreed that Members of SACRE would use their connections to invite colleagues from Sheffield, Barnsley and Doncaster to the conference. As such it was agreed that the conference should go ahead.

### **31. UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Chair provided an update on the latest position of the Development Plan. It was confirmed that a subject leaders meeting had been held with 35 subject leaders in attendance. Work had been done on subject development and disciplinary knowledge. This was the application of religious study as opposed to substantive knowledge which was the understanding of the “stories” of the different religions.

It was confirmed that the conference would be going ahead and work was ongoing to develop content for RE platform. A SEND specific R.E. event had been planned for March 2023 and would be hosted by Doncaster.

In relation to reviewing and carrying out determinations for collective worship, concerns were raised about the number of schools academizing.

Discussions were then held on how the SACRE membership could be further increased. Members agreed to use their contacts in different religious communities to encourage new attendees.

Members also discussed how primary and secondary teachers could work together to develop teaching that would allow for more disciplinary knowledge to be taught prior to secondary school. The Chair confirmed that she had a meeting on the matter and would invite Emily and Liza (both secondary school teachers) along.

Resolved:- That the information be received and the contents noted.

### **32. WORKFORCE DATA**

Prior to the meeting, data had been circulated which set out the secondary schools that taught religious education and the percentage of hours spent teaching R.E.

It was agreed that an email list would be put together of department heads of the R.E. departments in secondary schools to enable SACRE to contact them as appropriate. Liza and Emily agreed to lead on this.

### **33. CONFERENCE AND REWARDS**

As stated above, the conference would be going ahead and an invitation would be shared across South Yorkshire to increase attendance.

The REwards ceremony would also be taking place and Vanessa would confirm when a date had been agreed with the Mayor's Office.

**34. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

**35. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Rotherham Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education take place on Thursday, 30 March 2023 commencing at 4.00pm. This would be a Hybrid meeting taking place in the Council Chamber at Rotherham Town Hall and on Microsoft Teams.