

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Tuesday, 7 October 2014, 2.00 pm, County Hall, Worcester

Minutes

Present:

Venerable Tenzin Choesang (Chairman), Mr I Hopwood (Vice Chairman), John Allison, Graham Bounds, Mrs S Fitzjohn, Dr J Lally, Mr R C Lunn, Norman Mills, Phil Mitchell, Dr Y Stollard and Mrs L Thorne

Also attended:

Barry Newton and Stephen Pett

500 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies were received from Stephanie Boulter, Chris Giles, Fran Oborski, Alison Palmer and Chris Giles.

501 Declaration of Interests

None.

Agreed Syllabus Conference

Stephen Pett reassured the Council that work on the syllabus was progressing. He explained the outline of the syllabus and gave an update on the process:

- Three twilight sessions with teachers had been held and they had been asked for their views on the proposed headings for the syllabus. Feedback so far had been positive,
- Schemes of work would be provided for schools to buy,
- SACRE should think how they could support teachers as they began to use the new syllabus. Further twilight sessions could be useful. RE Today or Worcestershire County Council may need to be responsible for a helpline or website to give support to teachers. Barry Newton felt that there was good school to school support and teachers made use of an effective practice website which sign posted teachers to useful resources,
- Conferences to launch the syllabus would take place on 21 and 22 May for Primary Schools and 24 June for Secondary schools.

The Agreed Syllabus Conference concluded at 3.15pm.

Meeting Suspended

Following a fire alarm it was agreed that the meeting would be re-convened on another date as there was not

time to deal with the remaining items.

The remainder of the meeting was subsequently held on 26 November.

- 502 Confirmation of the Minutes**
- 503 SACRE Constitution**
- 504 Finances**
- 505 Do we want or need Strategy Groups?**
- 506 National RE News update**
- 507 Church of England Schools Inspections**
- 508 What SACRE members can bring to the Advisory Council and to Worcestershire Schools**
- 509 Feedback from Members - Updates from Communities Schools or Organisations**
- 510 Any Other Business**
- 511 Future Meeting**

Dates

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The meeting ended at 3.15pm

Chairman