

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Friday, 9 June 2017, County Hall, Worcester - 2.00 pm

Minutes

Present:

Mrs Lindsay Thorne (Chairman), Mr Robin Lunn (Vice-Chairman), Mr Chris Giles, Ms Ellie Hill, Mr M Jenkins, Mrs Tasnim Khawaja, Mrs Tracy Lister, Mrs Christine Parker and Dr Yvonne Stollard.

Also attended:

Mr S Pett, RE Today - Adviser to SACRE
Kate Griffiths – Democratic Services

585 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Charlotte Betteridge, Stephanie Boulter, Graham Bounds and Kerry Poole.

The Chairman welcomed Matthew Jenkins to his first SACRE meeting. He was a Councillor and had therefore become a member of Group D.

The SACRE agreed to send a letter to Ian Hopwood to thank him for all his hard work for the Advisory Council over the previous four years.

586 Declaration of Interests

None

587 Appointment of a Vice Chairman

Following the election the position of Vice Chairman had become vacant.

Robin Lunn was nominated and seconded for the position.
There were no further nominations and no objections so Robin Lunn was duly appointed Vice Chairman of SACRE.

588 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes were agreed to be a correct record of the previous meeting on 1 February 2017 but under minute 578 a revised description of the Understanding Christianity resource was suggested of it being a 'substantial resource'.

589 SACRE Development Plan

As funding for SACRE had been secured until 20 September 2020 and a contract had been agreed with RE Services for Stephen Pett to remain as SACRE advisor it was deemed a good idea to create a Development Plan.

		<p>A draft development plan was circulated.</p> <p>An updated version of the plan is attached to these minutes.</p>
590	Hub Leaders Project	<p>It had been hoped that the project would have started in May, however the University was supporting the project and they had a rigorous ethical procedure and the Ethics Board had requested 3 minor changes to the project plan. Ethics approval was necessary before the project could start and would enable the University to use the work done as part of its research with the possibility of the project being rolled out to other areas or extending its impact with further funding.</p> <p>The Project would now be launched in the Autumn Term.</p>
591	Conferences 2017	<p>The Primary Conference would take place on 19 June.</p> <p>The Secondary Conference was being organised with South Bromsgrove school and would include Herefordshire schools, it would take place on 29 June.</p>
592	Visits to Places of Worship	<p>Tracy Lister had agreed to compile a list of places of worship which could be visited by schools. This would be a useful resource for Schools who currently have to rely on internet searches for information on places to visit.</p> <p>SACRE members were asked to approach their contacts and return any information to Tracy.</p> <p>It was also agreed that teachers who attend the conferences would be asked for their recommendations.</p> <p>The Faith Encounter programme was mentioned. Faith guides are trained to show people round their places of worship. Also some people are prepared to go into schools to speak about their religion.</p> <p>South Bromsgrove had held a trip to places of worship in Birmingham. The students would be asked if they could come to speak to SACRE about their visit.</p>
593	RE Council / NASACRE Update	<p>Stephen agreed to return responses to NASACRE's survey as well as the REC Commission on the provision of RE.</p>
594	National RE	<p>Stephen distributed information about RE films from the</p>

	Update	BBC and media coverage about parent's rights to withdraw their children from RE lessons.
595	Feedback from Members	The Chairman gave members some information about the RE Council Meeting which had taken place on 11 May 2017.
596	Any Other Business	None
597	Future Meeting Dates	The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 October 2017 at 2pm in the Lakeview Room at County Hall.

The meeting ended at 4.05pm.

Chairman