

AT A MEETING of the  
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)  
held in the Mitchell Room, Elizabeth II Court, Winchester on 25 February 2014

**PRESENT**

**Chairman**

p Councillor Roz Chadd ( Hampshire County Council)

**Vice-Chairman**

p Councillor Charles Choudhary (Hampshire County Council)

p Councillor Mrs Fiona Mather	-	Hampshire County Council
p Councillor David Simpson	-	Hampshire County Council
p Mr Mohammed Ansar	-	Muslim
a Mrs Jackie Chong	-	Roman Catholic
p Rev Seishin Darren Clark	-	Buddhist
a Sheikh Fazle Abbas Dato	-	Muslim
p Mrs Pat Fry	-	United Reformed Church
p Mrs Lisa Gilmour	-	Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints
a Mr Colin How	-	Methodist
p Mr Chris Hughes	-	Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches
p Mrs Elizabeth Jenkerson	-	Baha'i
a Ms Jackie McGregor	-	Salvation Army
a Miss Margaret Matthews	-	Society of Friends
a Mrs Jo May	-	Baptist Union
p Mr Richard Moss	-	Buddhist
a Mr Harjap Singh	-	Sikh
a Major Suryaparsad Upadhya	-	Hindu
p Mr. Michael Zeffertt	-	Jewish
p Mr Richard Wharton	-	Church of England
p Mrs Joyce Johnson	-	Church of England
p Ms Caroline Welch	-	Church of England
p Rev Howard Wright	-	Church of England
a Mrs Maureen Barnes	-	Teachers' Association
a Mr James Dye	-	Teachers' Association
p Mrs Jane Pridmore	-	Teachers' Association
a Mrs Patrizia Timms Blanch	-	Teachers' association
a Mrs Pam Brown	-	Special School – Co-opted
p Mrs Gill Heron	-	Academy – Co-opted
a Miss Chris Robinson	-	Humanist – Co-opted

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| p Mrs Rhiannon Love      | - | Higher Education Rep – Co-opted |
| p Mr Alasdair Richardson | - | Higher Education Rep – Co-opted |
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| p Ms Patricia Hannam     | - | Support Officer                 |
| p Mrs Judith Lowndes     | - | Support Officer                 |

Prior to the start of the meeting Mrs Lisa Gilmour gave a presentation on the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, explaining the history of the movement, its philosophies and her personal beliefs, and answered questions from Members.

Councillor Chadd welcomed everyone to the meeting, and gave particular mention to Mr Richard Wharton, who was taking over from Tony Blackshaw as a Church of England representative.

### **31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from:

Maureen Barnes – Teachers Association  
 Pam Brown – Maple Ridge School  
 Jackie Chong – Roman Catholic  
 James Dye – Teachers Association  
 Colin How - Methodist  
 Jo May – Baptist Union  
 Chris Robinson – Humanist (Co-opted)  
 Patricia Timms-Blanch - Teachers Association  
 Major Suryaparsad Upadhya - Hindu

### **32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3 Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

No declarations of interest were made.

### **33. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the following minor corrections:

Page 5 – fourth paragraph down – “Members asked for data to be gathered on the number of non-specialist RE teachers being used to teach RE in schools”

Page 8 – Paragraph 29 - “Patricia Hannam was pleased to inform...”

### **34. MATTERS ARISING**

Item 25 – Recommendation 2 - it had been decided that a letter would not be sent to the Isle of Wight and Reading for the time being as they already had active involvement as part of the Joint SACRE.

Item 26 - it was confirmed that a new report form from NASACRE was being developed.

### **35. CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman began by wishing Sue Butler a swift recovery and sending best wishes on behalf of SACRE.

The group were then approached for volunteers for the following:

- SACRE South West Conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> March – Cllr Simpson and Lisa Gilmour said they may be able to attend and would look at availability.
- NASACRE AGM in London on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May– Chris Hughes and Gill Heron said they may be able to attend and would look at availability.
- Monitoring Sub-Group – One volunteer was needed and it was confirmed that anyone interested in getting involved could speak to Chris Hughes.

### **36. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

### **37. MONITORING SUB-GROUP**

The Council received a report from Patricia Hannam, the County Inspector for RE, updating SACRE on the discussions from the 27 January 2014 Sub-Group meeting. (Item 7 in the Minute Book)

It was confirmed that the data had been presented at the previous meeting of SACRE and there had been a steady rise in GCSE results, with increasing numbers of A and A\* grades.

The officer was also pleased to inform SACRE that the same funding had been allocated for 2014-15 as in 2013-14, allowing officers to invest the same amount of time to SACRE in the coming year.

The group discussed the continuing gender gap, but were pleased to note that Hampshire boys' residual achievement is positive, which is bucking the national trend. SACRE also discussed RS GCSE achievement of students in receipt of pupil premium in schools. It was noted that there was success in narrowing the

achievement gap in some schools where higher order thinking, speaking and classroom enquiry was well established. It was noted that children whose parents were in the Forces were all incorporated into the pupil premium data set. There is a wide variation of background within this group which demonstrates the importance of not making sweeping generalisations regarding the children covered.

RESOLVED:

- That SACRE approved the report.

### **38. COUNTY AGREED SYLLABUS – SALE OUT OF COUNTY**

The Council received a verbal report from Patricia Hannam, the County Inspector for RE (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

SACRE were informed that within the last few weeks, Hammersmith and Fulham had bought Living Difference, who were the third authority to purchase the Syllabus.

Members were informed that the cost to buy Living Difference depended on the number of schools in that particular area, but if there were 60 schools or less then the cost was £5000. There was also website access available at extra cost, which offered curriculum updates and support material. Fees went into the SACRE 'pot' and Members were keen that such money was reinvested in Hampshire SACRE and/or officer time.

It was agreed that a marketing strategy for Living Difference would be an effective tool in promoting it to other authorities and schools and that this should be looked at further.

RESOLVED:

- That SACRE noted the report.
- That a marketing model be investigated with colleagues at Hampshire County Council and findings reported back at the next SACRE meeting in June 2014

### **39. REVIEW OF COUNTY AGREED SYLLABUS**

The Council received the proposed timeline from Patricia Hannam, the County Inspector for RE (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

Members received a flow chart showing the implementation of the revisions over the coming two years, which included a consultation period in summer/autumn of 2014 and a Working Party being established in the late summer of 2015.

It is assumed that Portsmouth and Southampton will review with us together as was the case with the previous review which began in 2009, and under the same arrangements.

There was discussion as to whether those that purchased the syllabus were able to take part in the Working Group, but it was agreed that this would get difficult with having so much input, and that it would be better if the changes remained within the control of Hampshire SACRE.

RESOLVED:

- That SACRE agreed the proposals for the Living Difference revisions and their implementation

#### **40. JOINT SACRE**

The Council received a report from Patricia Hannam, the County Inspector for RE (Item 10 in the Minute Book).

It was confirmed that the Equality Impact Assessment was being further developed with Mohammed Mossadaq at Hampshire County Council. The next Joint SACRE meeting was due to take place on 14 March 2014.

The new Regional SACRE 'Hub' was discussed and it was confirmed that the membership of the hub would likely be on a subscription basis, which would help fund officer time and work at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- That the County Inspector Adviser proceeds with working towards the establishment of a Regional SACRE Hub.

#### **41. YOUTH VOICE**

The Council received a verbal update from Patricia Hannam, the County Inspector for RE on Youth Voice (Item 11 in the Minute Book).

It was confirmed that the next meeting was due to take place in March 2014 and that attendees were looking forward to succession planning now that the initial establishment work had been done.

SACRE discussed two more volunteers getting involved in Youth Voice and it was agreed a brief outline of what would be required in the roles would be emailed to SACRE members for consideration.

Lisa Gilmour kindly offered Youth Voice the opportunity to use buildings of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints if this was helpful.

RESOLVED:

- That SACRE noted the update.

- That an application be made for £4000 from the West Hill NASACRE funding to go towards a Youth Interfaith Initiative, a conference due to be held in July 2015.
- That Youth Voice would make a presentation at an upcoming SACRE meeting updating SACRE on their current work.
- That Patricia Hannam would send around details of Youth Voice and the work involved to all SACRE members in order to recruit two additional volunteers.

## **42. NATIONAL RE MATTERS**

The Council received a verbal update from Patricia Hannam, the County Inspector for RE regarding national RE matters (Item 12 in the Minute Book).

The Council were informed that the role of the All Party Parliamentary Group was to focus on religion education and social cohesion.

It was confirmed that the RE Quality Mark had not yet been sought by schools in Hampshire, and mainly applied to those in London and further north. There were discussions that Living Difference could have its own Quality Mark that Patricia Hannam and Judith Lowndes were able to assess and it was agreed that this was something that could be looked at along with the marketing model.

RESOLVED:

- That a Hampshire Living Difference Quality Mark be initially investigated along with the marketing model, and brought back for discussion at the next SACRE meeting
- The next meeting would consider the formation of a Sub-group to investigate the development of a Hampshire RE Quality Mark.

## **43. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Michael Zeffert updated the Council on his “Getting To Know Judaism” session held with Primary School teachers. He was disappointed in the knowledge that the teachers had and SACRE discussed members approaching schools and being able to talk to teachers directly about their faith.

It was acknowledged that Primary School teachers needed to have a wide range of knowledge, and that the opportunity to talk face-to-face with someone from SACRE would be very beneficial.

It was agreed that a process should be established for building local networks with schools, which would be discussed at a future SACRE meeting. As part of this, SACRE members would consider what would be helpful as part of presentations to school, along with principles and guidelines.

## **44. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 2 June, 13:30 - The Church of the Good Shepherd, Lymington Bottom, Four Marks, Alton, Hampshire, GU35 5AA