

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AGENDA

Meeting to be held at the Sandhill Centre on Monday 19 January 2015
at 5.00pm

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7.	Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 5 May 2015 at 5.00pm (All meetings will be held at the Sandhill Centre)	-

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2 January 2015

At a meeting of the STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION held at the SANDHILL CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2014 at 5.00pm.

Present: -

Church of England

Mrs W. Lundgren

Teacher Associations

Ms McChesney

Christian and Other Denominations

Mr L. Brewer

Local Councillors

Councillor Leadbitter
Councillor Marshall

In Attendance

Annette Parr	-	School Improvement Team
Cathryn Forbes	-	Farringdon Academy
Debra Bond	-	Governance Services Officer

SAC15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Smith, Stewart, Williams and Rev. G. Phillips.

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Marshall was nominated to act as Chair for the meeting.

SAC16 Minutes

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2014 be approved as a correct record, including any proposed action points.

SAC17 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

SAC18 SACRE Membership/Representation

In order to strengthen the SACRE membership Councillor Stewart had secured the contact details of Yusuf Meah who was from the Bangladeshi community. The Chair AGREED to send a letter Mr Meah to enquire if he would be interested in becoming a member of SACRE.

In relation to the promotion of SACRE, Members agreed to include a report regarding SACRE in the School Governors Agenda Booklet. It was hoped that this would encourage link governors to participate in RE in schools.

Ms McChesney stated that Hetton School had recently recruited a new Muslim ICT teacher who she could approach regarding becoming a member of SACRE.

SAC19 Meeting Arrangements – Durham SACRE

Cathryn Forbes advised SACRE that as part of her role in Sunderland she was attending all of Durham County Council's SACRE meetings in order to learn how it operated and share good practice with Sunderland.

Cathryn reported that she had observed that Durham was represented by a vast range of groups.

SACRE considered that they would benefit from learning about the various SACRE related activities that take place within different faith communities. Particularly as children today needed to be prepared for modern Britain and have an awareness of different religions and backgrounds.

SAC20 Inspection Arrangements – SMSC

Cathryn Forbes tabled the following report:-

- 'RE, Collective Worship and SMSC, Ofsted September 2014'.

The purpose of the report was to draw SACRE Members' attention to the Ofsted School Inspection Handbook and the comments of Isobel Short (RE Inspector). Cathryn advised that the revised Ofsted Handbook had increased the emphasis on SMSC and had produced more detailed guidance in relation to SMSC, Collective Worship and RE.

SACRE Members' attention was drawn to the comments that were highlighted in green throughout the document, which were considered to give RE a stronger footing.

The Chair thanked Cathryn for tabling the information.

SAC21 Governors Briefing – Draft Document

Cathryn reminded SACRE Members that at the previous meeting held on 29 September, 2014 a discussion was held regarding producing a document to explain the purpose of SACRE.

A draft document entitled 'About SACRE' was tabled and a few moments were taken for Members to read it.

Following discussions at the last meeting, Cathryn stated that she proposed to include the document in the Spring Term School Governor Agenda Booklet in order to remind governors and teachers of the statutory duties required of them.

Members concurred with Cathryn and agreed that the document should indeed be submitted to Colin Byers for inclusion in the Spring Term School Governor Agenda Booklet. It was also considered that the production of a small leaflet would be useful which could be distributed to all schools to remind them of the SACRE related activities that were going on.

SAC22 Date and Time of Future Meetings

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Monday 19 January 2015 at 5.00pm in the Sandhill Centre.

Annette stated that Corenza would be invited to be in attendance at the next meeting to discuss the possibility of arranging an inter-faith conference.

Signed C.MARSHALL
Chairman