

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HELD ON TUESDAY, 25th JUNE, 2019 AT 4.30 PM

VENUE: BUNNY HILL CENTRE

Present: -

Local Councillors

Councillor Farthing
Councillor Marshall

Christian and Other Denominations

Matt Moore

Church of England

Stuart Bain
Lisa Quinn-Briton

Teachers Association

Cathryn Forbes, Specialist Officer

Co -Opted

Fiona Bridle

In Attendance

Richard Cullen, Lead Support and Intervention Officer
Paul Wood, Principal Governance Services Officer

SAC124 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Doyle, Hunt and Williams. Caroline Weir and Andrew Barron.

SAC125 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

It was AGREED that Councillor Farthing and Councillor Marshall would continue as the Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

SAC126 Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 26th March, 2019

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2019 were a true record-

SAC127 Matters Arising

With regards to Membership, Mr Bain advised that he was still pursuing a possible volunteer to represent the muslim faith and he would supply Mr Wood with the details once confirmed. Mr Bain was also to speak with colleagues from the Church of England.

Mrs Forbes advised that a representative from Sunderland University had expressed an interest and she would forward on contact details to Mr Wood.

Mr Bain commented that the Directory was still a work in progress.

SAC128 NASACRE Annual Conference Feedback

Cathryn Forbes advised the group of the NASACRE Annual Conference and the actions that she felt needed focussing on. Action list was circulated (see original minutes)

Mrs Forbes advised that in relation to Action 1, our North East Regional Ambassador was Ms Catherine France and that she would check with Mr Cullen as to the percentage of CSB that our SACRE Budget was as mentioned in Action 2.

Mrs Forbes suggested that a termly newsletter be created to try and promote things around Religious Education such as the Archbishop of York young leaders awards.

In relation to the Anne Frank Ambassadors Programme, the Chair advised that work was being carried out with this and there were also asylum seekers being invited into schools to give talks to the pupils.

Mrs Forbes advised that the keynote speakers at the Conference all gave powerpoint presentations, copies of which should be on the NASACRE website but if not, she could arrange for copies to be circulated.

With regards to having a clear identity for SACRE, the group discussed the idea of a logo that could go on all SACRE information and flyers etc.

The Council also discussed the letter of reply from the Department of Education, Curriculum Policy Division (copy circulated) in relation to Compliance with the duty to teach Religious Education and if it was time to send out letters to heads of schools reminding them of their responsibilities in carrying out this statutory duty.

With regards to the new framework, it was suggested a link up with the University and possible promotion tied in with interfaith week.

Mrs Forbes advised that there was the proposal of offering bursaries as an incentive for participation in interfaith week with the requirement that they then feed back what the money was spent on.

Mr Cullen suggested the use of the media to promote this. Mr Bain advised that he would speak with the Chair of Interfaith Network to link in on this and get their thoughts to feed back.

Mrs Forbes advised that she would pull together a press release for September time and at the suggestion of Councillor Marshall, the proposed new logo be included.

Ms Quinn-Briton suggested that if schools were to be invited to compete for designing the logo, that a presentation be provided to pupils beforehand, advising of what SACRE was.

SAC129 Agreed Syllabus Conference

Mrs Forbes advised the Council of the need to formally inform the Local Authority that the agreed syllabus had expired and that we needed to call a agreed syllabus conference. It was AGREED to hold the agreed Syllabus Conference directly after the next scheduled SACRE meeting in October.

SCA130 Date and Time of the next meeting

Tuesday 15th October, 2019

(Signed) Councillor L. Farthing,
Chairman