

**At a meeting of the STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) held at the SANDHILL CENTRE on TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2010 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Mr. C. Short in the Chair

**Church of England**

Father C. Collins  
Mrs. W. Lundgren

**Christian and Other Denominations**

Ms. K. Shipley  
Mrs. E. Whitfield  
Ms. C. Nicol

**Teacher Associations**

Miss A. McChesney

**Local Councillors**

Councillor Francis  
Councillor Williams

**In Attendance:-**

Chris Rayner	-	Schools Improvement Officer
Maria Parkinson	-	Democratic Services Officer

**Appointment of Chairman**

It was proposed by Father Collins, seconded by Mrs. W. Lundgren and it was AGREED that Mr. C. Short be appointed as Chairman for the academic year 2010/2011.

## **Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

It was proposed by Mr. C. Short, seconded by Father Collins and it was AGREED that Mrs. T. Laybourne be appointed as Vice-Chairman for the academic year 2010/2011.

## **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor P. Smith, Mrs. T. Laybourne, Mr. T. Khan, Mr. Singh, Mrs. M. Ferrie and Mr. P. Candon.

## **Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 June 2010**

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2010 be approved as a correct record.

## **Matters Arising**

### **Future Support for SACRE and RE Support Advisory Teacher**

Mr. C. Short advised that Mr. G. Hope had been appointed for two terms and expressed concern that Mr. Hope was not at the meeting.

Chris Rayner, Schools Improvement Officer, reported that Margaret Ferrie had sought permission to appoint a part-time RE Support Advisory Teacher for SACRE and she would inform Mr. Short if Mr. Hope's contract had been extended.

## **Meetings with QCA/NASACRE**

Mr. C. Short expressed concern that due to efficiency savings no representatives from SACRE had attended the QCDA event in the summer. He advised that Mrs. T. Laybourne hoped to attend a QCDA event in December 2010 and this would be funded by her school's budget.

## **Revision of Local Agreed Syllabus Update**

Mr. C. Short reported that the deadline for the launch of a revised syllabus in March 2011 would not be met.

He advised that Mrs. Laybourne had suggested that the current syllabus for the primary sector should remain unchanged.

The Advisory Council agreed that Mrs. T. Laybourne should advise at the QCA meeting that the deadline for the revision of the syllabus be put back to November 2011 with a conference in February.

### **Bursaries 2011**

Mr. C. Short stated that he had received no indication of the budget for bursaries for 2011 and it was customary for letters to be sent out to schools in the Autumn term. Chris Rayner undertook to find out the position regarding the bursaries and inform Colin Short.

### **Any Other Business**

### **Monitoring Update**

Mr. C. Short reported that positive comments had been received from Consultants who had monitored the teaching of religious education in a number of primary schools including Barnwell School, Diamond Hall School, Hudson Road School, New Penshaw School, South Hylton School, Ryhope School and Thorney Close School.

The Advisory Council welcomed this positive feedback.

### **Date and time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 15 February 2011 at 5.30 p.m.

(Signed) C. SHORT,  
Chairman.