

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AGENDA

**Meeting to be held at the Sandhill Centre (Shackleton Room) on 20th
June, 2017 at 4.30 pm**

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1. Apologies for Absence	
2. Nominations to join the SACRE Membership	
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6. NASACRE Conference	
7. Date and Time of next meeting – Tuesday 14 th November, 2017	

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SUNDERLAND.

5th June 2017

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HELD ON TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH 2017 AT 4.30 PM

VENUE: SANDHILL CENTRE

Present: -

Local Councillors

Councillor Farthing – Chair
Councillor Marshall

Christian and Other Denominations

Rev. G. Phillips
Mr C. Singh

Church of England

Mrs W. Lundgren

Co-opted

Ms F Bridle

In Attendance

Annette Parr, Lead Support and Intervention Officer
Cathryn Forbes, Specialist Officer
Paul Wood, Governance Services Officer

As the meeting was inquorate, the following discussions could not be viewed as having been approved and therefore, could not be acted upon until approved at a future quorate meeting.

SAC68 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Hunt, Leadbitter and Williams.

SAC69 Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 14th November 2016

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2016 were a true record subject to the following amendments:-

Page 2 - Councillor Farthing advised that she had attended an Ox net meeting

Page 2 – Councillor Farthing advised of contact with a Community Interest company

SAC70 Matters Arising

In relation to SAC 66 Cathryn Forbes advised that copies of the consultation document with an update on the implications of the Government White Paper on Religious Education would be circulated once access was available to the website.

SAC71 Update from NASACRE

Mrs Forbes informed of the details for an agreed syllabus conference and the NASACRE conference which was due to take place on 16th May in York. Mrs Forbes advised that she was happy to attend on SACRE's behalf or if any other Members wished to attend to get in touch.

Mrs Forbes also informed of the NASACRE survey which was required to be completed by 30th May, the survey was in relation to what was on the local agreed syllabus. The Council discussed the questions on the survey and Mrs Forbes was to submit the answers on their behalf.

Mrs Forbes advised that the government response on the Casey Review would be considered in a report to a future meeting

Members AGREED:

- For Cathryn Forbes to attend NASACRE Conference
- Mrs Forbes to complete NASACRE survey on behalf of Sunderland SACRE.

SAC72 Primary Conference Details

Mrs Forbes circulated details of the Primary Conference and the outline for the day which included Islam in its social context, who is a Muslim, Islam; Beliefs and Authority, Expressions of Belief and Impact of Belief and Resourcing Islam at Key Stage 1 and 2.

Mrs Forbes commented that only 15 people were due to attend which was disappointing.

Annette Parr advised that consideration would be given to those schools that had not taken up on the offer and if the Religious Education leads needed to be contacted as to why they had not. The Chairman suggested this be placed on the agenda for head teacher meetings.

Councillor Marshall commented that there were no concrete facts about the issues in Sunderland. The Chairman suggested that Survey Monkey be used in obtaining information such as what the schools were doing/teaching and contacts/direct details etc. could be located.

Revered Phillips suggested that the poor take up may be due to the timing with SAT exams taking place.

Mrs Forbes advised that she would look to obtain feedback for the next one.

Members AGREED:

- to note the proposals

SAC73 Ideas for Secondary Teachers

Mrs Parr advised that a Newsletter may be the best way to approach Secondary Teachers in relation to SACRE.

Members noted the proposal.

SAC74 Membership of SACRE

Mrs Forbes advised that a number of emails had been sent to the Teachers associations requesting representation for Sunderland SACRE.

Mrs Parr advised that she had contacted Primary School Head Teachers also

Rev Phillips supplied Mrs Forbes with details of a possible representative and it was agreed that contact would be made.

The Chairman commented on the need to find out what was required for Sunderland SACRE and if Teachers in the region were using Durham SACRE then was there the possibility of reducing the number of meetings etc. as part of the Governance Review.

Mrs Parr commented that they would look again at adding something in the Governors Handbook for teachers' representation.

Members agreed to note the discussion.

SAC75 Date and Time of Future Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was to be confirmed with the publication of the Council Diary for 2017/18

(Signed) Councillor L. Farthing,
Chairman