

Date of issue: Thursday, 15 June 2017

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>
<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	THURSDAY, 15TH JUNE, 2017 AT 4.30 PM
<b>VENUE:</b>	ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH STREET, SLOUGH, SL1 1JP
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### SUPPLEMENTARY PAPERS

The following Papers have been added to the agenda for the above meeting:-

\* Item 2, 6 and 8 were not available for publication with the rest of the agenda.

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**Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education – Meeting held on Tuesday, 14th March, 2017.**

**Present:-**

**Committee 1 – Christian Denominations and Other Faiths**

Julie Siddiqi (Chair) Waqar Bhatti, Sue Elbrow, Aspreet Singh Nainu and Hardip Singh Sohal

**Committee 2 – Church of England**

Rev Andrew Allen, Christine Isles and Andrea Sparrow

**Committee 3 – Representatives of Teacher Associations**

Linda Lewis and Lynda Bussley

**Committee 4 – Representatives of the LEA**

Councillors Bedi, Brooker, Parmar and Sarfraz

**Apologies for Absence:-** Zubayr Abbas-Bowkan

**PART 1**

**26. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 2nd November 2016**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 be approved as a correct record.

**27. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**28. SACRE Membership Update**

The Clerk advised that she would email members regarding the expiry of the term of office.

Members were informed that confirmation had yet to be received from the Area Dean of Oxford regarding the Church of England vacancy and that continued effort was being made to fill the Islam vacancy.

**Resolved –** That the update be noted.

**29. SACRE Member News (An update from Members regarding activities undertaken since the last SACRE meeting)**

Councillor Bedi reported that as part of Community Cohesion there were proposals to hold the Holi Festival of Colours in the park next Summer to celebrate diversity. Discussions were still on-going.

## **Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education - 14.03.17**

There were discussions on the Lent season, a time of repentance, fasting for 40 days (excluding Sundays) and preparation for the coming of Easter. Rev Andrew Allen announced that many children had participated in Ash Wednesday (The start of Lent) service. It was noted that as well as giving their time, it was also time of being charitable and performing good deeds.

The Chair announced that activities had been organised in Slough to mark Sadaqa Day (A day of social action) on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Members were invited to attend and to contact the Chair for further information.

It was reported that the 17 Clergy from the Oxford Diocese would be meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017.

**Resolved** – That the update be noted.

### **30. SACRE Annual Report**

Members noted and agreed the SACRE Annual report subject to it being amended to record Cllr Bedi's attendance and clarified that Lent Rise School was in Buckinghamshire.

Members discussed the exam results section of the Annual Report and commented that the low numbers of students taking Religious Education (RE) A level exams at Beechwood, Wexham and St Joseph's Catholic Schools was disappointing. However, it was acknowledged that whilst students were required to follow an RE course, they did not have to sit the exams and this may have been reflected in the results.

Anne Andrews (Professional Advisor for this meeting) suggested that it would be useful to compare the results for each school with other subjects taken by student to get a fuller picture.

With regard to a request for training to be provided for A level RE teachers, it was noted that targeting training for teachers at this level would be difficult and that it would be more appropriate to recommend that schools explored training provided by exam boards. The SACRE Advisor would investigate the issue.

**Resolved** – That the SACRE Annual report be approved subject to the amendments set out above.

### **31. RE Resourcing Catalogue Update**

It was confirmed that the Resources Catalogue Project was in progress and 8 boxes of resources had been accumulated to date. Due to the difficulty in accessing the boxes whilst building work was going on at St Mary's School, there had been delay in photographing the items.

**Resolved** – That the update be noted.

**32. Joint SACRE Meetings Update**

Anne Andrews, gave an update on the recent Joint SACRE meeting as follows:

- Crossing the Bridge project was in progress.
- Training held on the 23 February 2017 at a Baptist Church in Wokingham was well attended with positive feedback.
- A second day of training had been rescheduled.
- A Hub meeting had been arranged for 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (starting at 4pm), followed immediately after by a general training session between 5.45pm and 7pm for members new to SACRE. Details would be circulated to SACRE members in due course. The Chair gave apologies for the meeting, as she had been invited to give a talk on Muslim/Jewish at a university. Members were invited to consider attending to ensure Slough SACRE was represented.
- The review of locally agreed syllabus this year, which was required to be reviewed every 5 years.
- The Crossing the Bridge Directory was in progress – current list would be provided by Catherine Jinkerson (who was collating the directory) and circulated to members to check that the details of their places of worship/organisations were included.

It was reported that the Crossing the Bridge mini bus had not visited the Hindu Temple in Slough. Cllr Bedi agreed to approach the temple about nominating Hindu representative on the Slough SACRE.

**Resolved** – That the update be noted.

**33. Community Cohesion Group's Multi-Cultural Event**

Cllr Bedi gave an update on the 'Dance in Unity' event to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at the Slough Town Centre. It was confirmed that Slough was the second most diverse town in London and the event was aimed at capturing the diverse range music and dance in the Community.

Once the details and costings had been approved, residents would be invited to attend in their national outfits and anticipated that they would walk from the Curve to the Town Centre. The event would be a family event.

Sue Elbrow would provide Cllr Bedi with details of a Sikh dance group, currently unrepresented on the draft list.

**Resolved** – That the update be noted.

**34. Member's Attendance Record**

**Resolved** – That the Members Attendance Record be noted.

**35. Date of Next Meeting - TBC**

**Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education - 14.03.17**

It was agreed that the Clerk would confirm the date of the next meeting via email and suggested that the meeting be held after Ramadan close to the end of June 2017.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 4.35 pm and closed at 5.55 pm)

**Pan - Berkshire SACRE Hub  
(Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education)  
Annual Religious Education Conference  
28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 6.30-9pm**

To be held at Holiday Inn Winnersh  
Reading M4 J10  
Wharfedale Road  
Winnersh Triangle  
Reading  
RG41 5TS

SACRE members, faith and belief communities, teachers of RE, student teachers....are all welcome to attend this evening conference.

Crossing the Bridges Project...celebration and review (places of worship in RE)  
RE Agreed Syllabus Review discussions start here  
Panel dialogue with members of faith and belief communities tackling some BIG RE questions from a range of perspectives

Please join us from 6.30-9pm  
a light supper is included  
£45 per person  
(Each SACRE has 4 ready-paid SACRE member places allocated  
and each delegate on top of that costs £45)

We would love to see you at this event. To book call Elaine on 01202 377192  
Or email [elaine@janlevergroup.com](mailto:elaine@janlevergroup.com) by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017



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**Pan - Berkshire SACRE Hub  
(Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education)  
Agreed Syllabus Review  
Faith, religion and belief group consultation event**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 10am-7.30pm  
Attend...the morning session (10am start- 1pm)  
the afternoon session (1.30 start- 4.30pm)  
the evening session ( 5.30- 7.30pm)  
or stay the whole time ☐**

SACRE members from all 6 Berkshire SACREs and teachers of RE....are all welcome to attend this event.

Faith, religion and belief groups will work together to review specific sections of the agreed syllabus pertinent to them

At Wokingham Borough Council, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN  
(Parking in The Paddocks pay and display car park)

Please join us to contribute to this important piece of pan-Berkshire work

Refreshments are provided but not lunch or supper

There is no charge for attending

Your support is invaluable

We would love to see you at this event. To book call Sue on 01202 461714  
Or email [sue@janlevergroup.com](mailto:sue@janlevergroup.com) by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017



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