

Date of issue: Tuesday, 8 March 2022

MEETING

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Committee 1 – Christian Denominations and Other Faiths

Ashpreet Singh Nainu (Chair), Sue Elbrow, Zubayr Abbas-Bowkan, Waqar Bhatti, Shujah Hamid and Hardip Singh Sohal

Committee 2 – Church of England

Lynda Bussley (Vice-Chair), Rev Gordon Briggs, Christine Isles and Andrea Sparrow

Committee 3 – Teachers (Representing Primary, Secondary & Special Schools)

Munsoor Malik – Primary
Priya Lamba – Primary
Ian Sharpe – Secondary

Committee 4 – Representatives of the LEA

Councillors Basra, Begum, Brooker, Kaur and Smith

Humanist Non-Voting Co-opted Member

Robin Launder

DATE AND TIME:

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH, 2022 AT 4.30 PM

VENUE:

VIRTUAL MEETING

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SUPPLEMENTARY PAPERS

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

* Item 3(a) was not available for publication with the rest of the agenda.

PART 1

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SACRE HUB MINUTES

7 March 2022 – online via Zoom 4 – 5.30pm

Attendance: David Taylor (DT), Karen Butler (KB), Christine Isles (CI), Sue Elbrow (SE), Madeline Diver (MD), Mark Laynesmith (ML), Beth Rowland (BR), Angela Hill (AH) (left at 4.30), Gareth Barnard (GB) (joined at 5.00), Anne Andrews (AA)

Apologies: David Rees, Ashpreet Singh, Stephen Vegh

1. Welcome
2. Update on filming and notes:
 - a. Catholic Church, Sunni Mosque and Orthodox synagogue have been made and paid for (£900).
 - b. Notes for KS1 and KS2 have been written (£250 for half a day's adviser work)
 - c. A teacher is still working on KS3 notes
 - d. None of the films have yet been sent to NATRE. The KS1 and KS2 notes will be sent to KB for final proof-reading and will be sent to NATRE along with the KS1 and 2 films as soon as possible.
 - e. KS3 films will be sent when they are ready
3. Progress on Orthodox Christian church film
 - a. The Romanian Orthodox Church had set a date but seen to be reluctant. ML is continuing to work on them
4. Further discussion on films:
 - a. DT will see if a Buddhist organisation can be contacted, AA will approach the humanists on BF and RBWM SACREs; SE will investigate the Salvation Army and KB will talk to Baha'i.
 - b. The idea of a combined free church film was aired but will be kept on the back burner for the moment.
 - c. BR wondered how much they were being used, and so AH will enquire of NATRE
 - d. Further suggestion was made to ask teacher reps on SACRE to write an article (or part of an article) to go in the RE Today magazine.
5. Syllabus survey results. There are still only **56** responses from the whole area. This is probably because teachers are still fully engaged in teaching and the challenges provoked by the pandemic. This suggests that a syllabus review would not garner much support from teachers in terms of input.
6. What do we do next?
 - a. Convene an ASC in each LA?
 - b. Postpone it all until next year?
 - c. Go to each SACRE and ask for feedback.
7. The facts that SACRE need to know are as follows:
 - The syllabus review needs to begin by 2023.
 - There are three possible outcomes for a review – that there is a new syllabus; that the current syllabus is adapted or that the ASC recommends to the LA that no changes are made.

- The hub feels that in the current circumstances we do not have enough information from teachers, nor enough appetite for change so SACREs need to decide whether we continue to promote the survey and convene the Agreed Syllabus conferences in the summer term as per the original timeline or whether we postpone to 2023 (the latest time we can legally convene an ASC) and then decide whether to convene in the spring, summer or autumn of 2023.

8. Funding for hub

- The hub still has approximately £5000 in the budget, but if 4 more films are made that will cost another £1200 plus funding for note writing.
- The reason this money has built up is because the teacher writing groups, and the conference were not able to take place.
- As SACREs had already budgeted to pay the usual £900 for the year 2022 -23, it was decided after much discussion to continue to invoice for that sum. This money can then either be held over to provide up-front funding for the review or to provide some training for teachers in preparation. AA will get the diocese to raise the invoices as soon as possible.
- There was discussion about whether the syllabus might need thorough review or not. There is a feeling that there might need to be a closer alignment to the three types of knowledge identified by Ofsted (substantive, disciplinary and personal) and that certainly teachers might appreciate more prescriptive guidance on the substantive knowledge that they need to teach.
- There was much discussion about the type of training that might be offered – a conference, or something specific and KB suggested that SACREs ask the following questions of the teacher reps on SACRE:
 - What training do they need that will move them forward?
 - What are the specific areas for improvement?
 - How might training best be packaged or delivered?
- A further hub meeting needs to be held after the next round of SACRE meetings so that hub members can feedback on the feeling of their SACREs on all of the questions included. Please let me know which of the proposed dates you can manage:
 - Tuesday 29 March 4 – 5.30
 - Monday 4 April 4 – 5.30
 - Thursday 7 April 4 – 5.30
- Anyone not able to attend, please send answers to the various questions to AA in advance.

9. The Meeting closed at 5.30 pm