



BERKSHIRE SACRE HUB MEETING

17th September 2018

Shute End, Wokingham

NOTES FROM MEETING

All SACREs represented by members and their advisers.

Present: Jan Lever (Hub manager), Anne Andrews (Diocesan adviser and adviser to RBMW and Bracknell Forest), Rev David Taylor (West Berkshire), Karen Butler (RMWM), Sue Elbrow (Slough), Christine Isles (Slough), Michael Feeman (Reading), Steven Vegh (Wokingham), Gareth Barnard (Bracknell Forest), Alison Harris (Adviser West Berkshire and Wokingham), David Rees (Adviser Reading), Brian Crisell (Adviser Slough).

1. Feedback from Launch Events

All members reported a great deal of enthusiasm within their launch events and good feedback about the succinct nature of the syllabus. All had had other speakers as well as the syllabus briefing and good interactions were noted by all. Many felt that there was a large proportion of their schools present.

MF also reported that he had been asked to give a radio interview on Radio Berkshire which had taken place in July with a Humanist representative (who had also been the speaker at the Slough syllabus launch) which had demonstrated the agreement between both participants' viewpoints.

2. Distribution of syllabus – most SACREs had emailed out to schools following their launch. All LA websites hosting the syllabus except possibly Reading and West Berkshire. This to be followed up by Chairs.

3. (and 4) Looked at budget and went on to discuss items 4/5/6 together. JL explained that the diocese would charge the same as JLECT for consultancy time. Discussions ensued around the 2 suggested priorities of updating the existing resources and guidance, this being seen as essential to supporting the implementation of the new syllabus, and the development and dissemination of the Crossing the Bridges project.

GB felt that to maximise the value and opportunity of the new syllabus, a Hub priority should also be to reach harder to reach schools across Berkshire. SV felt that this may be too large a target for the budget available and the focus should be on developing the guidance and support materials as soon as possible. MF agreed that syllabus guidance was the most important priority. A discussion followed about the issues and necessity for a higher profile for SACREs and the Hub and how this could be achieved with the most measurable impact.. It was agreed that:

Syllabus guidance and support materials, to include Crossing the Bridges, would be the priority along with raising awareness and publicity regarding SACREs, the Hub and the support these offer.



Facilitating teachers sharing good practice and supporting each other would be an aim GB concurred and felt that promotion and social media must be a priority. AA suggested that Crossing the Bridges material could be tied more closely to the syllabus by embedding links to it from the syllabus guidance. Group agreed that the 2 priorities would stand and become 3 interconnected priorities including promotion especially to the harder to reach schools.

4. Who should lead the hub? JL raised some different models and these were discussed. Anne Andrews stated she was happy to take on the role but had restrictions placed upon her by the diocese regarding time allowance and her capacity. David Rees was suggested for the role by JL. KB asked about the other JLECT consultants and AH explained DR had greater experience across secondary than she does and had previous experience in co-ordinating the development of syllabus resources etc. MF suggested that AA and DR share the role. SE asked AA if she was keen to take on the role, AA confirmed that she was. GD formally proposed the role be shared. This was seconded and all voted in agreement.
5. Action plan: AA and DR to communicate and work together to draft action plan. This to be sent to SACRE chairs by 5th October. Must comment and return to AA/DR by 12th October. Details of where/who to send to to be included in email from AA and DR. KB asked to ensure that best practitioners be approached to be included in the work on the guidance. GB asked that it include some reference to a longer term e.g. 3 years to encourage continued support from the LAs.
6. KB offered a vote of thanks to JL for driving the Hub since its start.
7. Next meetings: Spring term: 21.1.19 4.15-5.30pm, Summer Term: 13.5.19 4.15-5.30pm
Venue tbc
8. The contractual arrangements, administration etc connected to the Hub management role to be confirmed. JL to discuss with WBC (Emily Waddilove) initially.

JL 18/9/18