

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Monday 12 November 2018

PRESENT:

Martin Edmonds, in the Chair.
Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Drean, Mrs Johnson and Morris.

Margaret Thompson, Liz Hill, Dr Judith Beckman, Gwen Hughes, Dr Catherine Bowness, Emma Butler and Ben Kerr.

Apologies for absence: Katie Freeman, and Councillors McDonald and Tuohy.

Also in attendance: Heather Ogburn (Senior Leadership Adviser), Michael House (Healthy Child Leadership Associate) and Helen Rickman (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 1.00 pm and finished at 2.20 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

48. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations in accordance with the code of conduct.

49. **Minutes**

Members agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2018.

Under this item Members discussed the responses received from statistical neighbours regarding the budget allocated to their SACREs:

- Rotherham - £5,000
- Isle of Wight - £4,000, however £3,000 is to purchase the services of the lead officer
- Medway - £15,000
- Portsmouth - £10,000
- Bournemouth - £2,000
- Plymouth – approximately £11,000

50. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

51. **Welcome to new Members**

The Chair welcomed Mr Jono Madeley and Emma Butler (Group B) to SACRE.

52. **Student Voice**

Heather Ogburn (Senior Leader Advisor) informed Members that the Student Voice should be a standing item on future SACRE agendas and that it was hoped that students would be able to attend meetings in order to speak to Members.

53. **Religion and World Views**

Ed Pawson provided Members with an update on Religion and World Views: the way forward. A national plan for RE.

Members were advised that the report had been published and set out a national plan for RE comprising of 11 recommendations

Members discussed:

- That religion and world views was too broad a term
- Adding the term world views could be beneficial for those with an ethical and moral framework but do not follow a religious belief system
- What constitutes a world view and who would make the decision as to what it was?
- Taking away the word 'education' or 'studies' changes the nature of the subject;
- It was considered that the teaching of this subject would be diluted due to the increase in areas to cover or would alternatively need more teaching time.

Members were encouraged to read the full report which was published on the internet.

54. **Update regarding the Agreed Syllabus Group**

Heather Ogburn (Senior Leadership Advisor) presented the update on the Agreed Syllabus Group and highlighted to Members that volunteers were still required.

Action:

The following Members agreed to form the Agreed Syllabus Group: Dr Catherine Bowness, Emma Butler, Dr Judith Beckman, Katie Freeman and Ben Kerr. Other Members wishing to join the group to contact Helen Rickman, Democratic Advisor.

55. **Response from the NASACRE Survey**

Ed Pawson advised Members that there was no response from the NASACRE survey.

Action:

For the 'Response from the NASACRE Survey' to be moved to the next SACRE meeting.

56. **Jayesh session**

This item was not discussed as Jayesh was not in attendance.

Action:

This item to be added to a future agenda.

57. **Budget update**

Heather Ogburn (Senior Leadership Adviser) provided Members with an update on the budget. Members were advised that there was approximately £6000 SACRE budget left to spend.

58. **Any Other Business**

Under this item Members were given an update on work undertaken by Heather Ogburn and Jono Madeley regarding Compassionate Plymouth.

Members discussed:

- How the work of Jeremiah's Journey linked in with Compassionate Plymouth
- The important work undertaken by Silverline to support older people
- 9 priorities developed by Plymouth's Youth Council to support staff and students with death and dying – what teaching and learning opportunities are there to support these priorities?
- St Luke's Elmer the Elephant programme
- The Council's loneliness agenda and the importance of cross generational working
- St Luke's Compassionate Friend Training

Action:

For the Compassionate Friend information to be emailed to SACRE Members.

Under this item the Chair expressed his thanks to Helen Rickman and Jamie Sheldon for their support to SACRE throughout the year.

59. **Date and venue of next meeting**

Members were advised that the next meeting of SACRE was scheduled to take place on 25 March 2019, 1pm.

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