



NOTICE OF MEETING

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

TUESDAY, 5 JULY 2016 AT 4.30 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM B, 2ND FLOOR, PORTSMOUTH CIVIC OFFICES

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Membership

Elizabeth Jenkerson (Chair)

Ruth Guyer (Vice-Chair)

Group A - Christian denominations and other religions and their denominations reflecting the principal religious traditions of the area

Group B - Representatives of the Church of England

Group C - Teacher representatives

Group D - Representatives of the Local Authority

(Full Membership is located on Portsmouth City Council's website)

(NB This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the minutes of this meeting.)

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AGENDA

1 Welcome and Introductions

The Chair to welcome everyone to the meeting and to introduce new members appointed by Portsmouth City Council and those standing in for absent members.

Following the Cabinet meeting held on 9th June 2016 the following members comprise of the Group D (Local Authority) committee.

Councillors Ryan Brent; Suzy Horton; David Tompkins and Neill Young.

2 Moment for Quiet Reflection

The vice chair (Ruth Guyer) is invited to lead SACRE members on the moment of quiet reflection.

3 Apologies for Absence

To receive and note any apologies for absence.

4 Declaration of Members' Interest

Members are asked to identify any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on any matters on the agenda.

Note: Should any indication of an interest arise during the meeting, members are asked to declare at that time, as soon as is practicable.

5 Minutes of the Previous meeting held on 23 March 2016 (Pages 1 - 6)

It is recommended the Council agrees the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 March 2016 as a correct.

6 Matters Arising from the minutes

7 Brief updates or notification of items to be brought to a future meeting

SACRE Members are invited to share briefly relevant updates and agree any proposed items to bring to a future meeting.

Recommended that updates are noted and any agreed proposed items be included on a future agenda.

8 Secondary RE News Letter

SACRE are asked to consider whether it wishes to continue funding the Secondary RE News Letter, provided by Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service (HIAS) for another year.

It is recommended that SACRE provides its decision on the matter.

9 Extracts from recent Ofsted Inspection reports 2015-16 (relating to RE and SMSC [Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural] development) (Pages 7 - 8)

Linda Jacobs (Professional Adviser) to give an update on Ofsted inspection visits to Portsmouth's School.

It is recommended that the update be noted

10 Report from the Professional Adviser

A Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) has a statutory remit to advise the Local Authority on Religious Education to be given in accordance with an agreed syllabus and to support the effective provision of collective worship. A SACRE also has within its powers to discuss any matter related to its functions as it sees fit and may therefore include the provision of RE in Academies in its discussions or address such matters as may be referred to it. An Academy or group of academies can be represented through co-option onto the local SACRE (or indeed any SACRE) if all parties are in agreement.

Linda Jacobs (Professional Adviser) shall table a report at the meeting.

It is recommended that SACRE notes the report by the Professional Adviser and provides its views

11 Draft Annual Report 2015/16 and Work Programme

Linda Jacobs (Professional Adviser) shall present and table a draft of the Portsmouth SACRE's Annual Report 2015/16 and Work Programme.

It is recommended that SACRE members feedback their views in writing, of the draft Annual Report 2015/16 and Work Programme to either the Professional Adviser/Clerk so that both can be finalised and formally approved at a future meeting.

12 New (revised) Religious Education Syllabus - sub-committee Steering Group

The next ASC (Agreed Syllabus Conference) will be considering and may approve the newly revised Religious Education Agreed Syllabus in the autumn of 2016. A SACRE statutory requirement of which Portsmouth is working with Southampton and Hampshire through HIAS to produce.

SACRE members are therefore asked to consider the creation of a SACRE sub-committee (Revised Syllabus Steering Group) for the purposes leading on the launch of the Revised Syllabus (if approved).

It is recommended

- (1) that a SACRE sub-committee (Revised Syllabus Steering Group**
- (2) that one representative (and nominated deputy) from each group be appointed together with the Professional Adviser and/or the Chairman and Vice-chairman**

13 **Date and venue of the next meeting**

SACRE members are asked to agree the date of the next meeting of SACRE and the ASC (Agreed Syllabus Conference)

The previous date of 5 October 2016, cannot be attended by the presenting HIAS adviser. SACRE are therefore asked to select one of the following replacement meeting dates:

- Thursday 6 October 2016 or
- Monday 10 October 2016 (at 4:30pm)

Note: The statutory meeting of Agreed Syllabus Conference must be quorate.

It is recommended that SACRE confirm which date of the two options the ASC shall take place (to be followed by an ordinary meeting of SACRE).

Members of the public are now permitted to use both audio visual recording devices and social media during this meeting, on the understanding that it neither disrupts the meeting or records those stating explicitly that they do not wish to be recorded. Guidance on the use of devices at meetings open to the public is available on the Council's website and posters on the wall of the meeting's venue.

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PORTSMOUTH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 23 March 2016 at
4.30 pm in Mayfield School, Mayfield Road, Portsmouth.

Present

Christian denominations and other religions and their denominations reflecting the principal religious traditions of the area (Group A Representatives)

Elizabeth Jenkerson, Baha'i Faith (In the Chair)
Ruth Guyer, Judaism (Vice Chair)
Syed Aminul Haque, Islam
Marilyn Leggett, The Salvation Army
Geoff Wheeler, Baptist Union
Renuka Vyas, Hinduism

Representatives of the Church of England (Group B Representatives)

Abigail Eales, Anglican Diocese
Brian Hay, Anglican Diocese

Teachers representing the various key stages and an association recognised by the Authority for the purposes of consultation and negotiation (Group C Representatives)

Eleanor Assinder
Beverley Millsom
Sandra Gibb

Representatives of the Authority, at least two of whom shall be elected members of the Authority (Group D Representatives)

Councillor Neill Young
Taki Jaffer

Also in Attendance

Linda Jacobs, Professional Adviser, PCC
Peter Smith-Parkyn, clerk, Democratic Services, PCC

1 Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed everybody and thanked Eleanor Assinder for the use of her classroom and school to hold this meeting.

Linda Jacobs informed members of SACRE that she will be leaving Portsmouth City Council in July 2016.

2 Moment for Quiet Reflection

Councillor Neill Young first explained that he is Portsmouth City Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Education, meaning he is responsible for education in the city.

Councillor Young said he was impressed with the outstanding work taking place throughout the city and its schools confirming the importance of exploration of spiritual and emotional development for children and young people in a safe environment.

Councillor Young expressed his personal sadness at the terrifying recent events and loss of life in Belgium and led SACRE in a moment of quiet reflection to think about all those affected at this difficult time.

3 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received on behalf of Honorary Alderman Tom Blair; Peter Davies; Jane Lewis and Reverend Alice Wood.

4 Declaration of Interests

Elizabeth Jenkerson declared an interest in that she is on the selection board for Westhill grants.

Councillor Neill Young declared that he is the Cabinet member for Children and Education for Portsmouth City Council.

5 Minutes of the Previous Meetings held on 17 June 2015 and 11 November 2015

RESOLVED that

- (1) the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2015 are a correct record; and**
- (2) the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2015 are a correct record, subject to a correction in Minute 31 to record . that Reverend Alice Wood was previously the headteacher of St Albans School, not Leigh Park Primary School. .**

6 Matters Arising

(a) Minute No 21 - Updates (Primary Network meeting)

Beverley Millsom confirmed that the Primary Network meeting took place and would like to express her thanks to Taki Jaffer, a sentiment echoed by Elizabeth Jenkerson.

7 Brief updates or notification of items to be brought to a future meeting

None.

8 Brief updates of notable matters

Elizabeth Jenkerson reported on the following items;

(a) SACRE Hub

Elizabeth reported on the value of meeting with other SACRE representatives and representatives from the University of Winchester. It is expected that at the next SACRE HUB meeting the guest speaker will be Adam Dinham, Professor of Faith & Public Policy and Director of the Faiths and Civil Society Unit, Goldsmiths, University of London.

(b) Primary and Secondary Conference

Elizabeth reported that the next Primary Conference is on 27 May 2016 and the next Secondary Conference is on 14th October 2016. Should any members of SACRE wish to attend, please contact Elizabeth Jenkerson.

(c) Youth Voice

Youth voice premise is to give young people a forum to feed back their views on religious education, both the syllabus and teaching. These young people then feed their views back to their respective schools. It is understood that Hampshire currently operates Youth Voice and Portsmouth SACRE is asked to consider the viability of either setting up our own version or seeking to join with Hampshire.

A discussion took place about asking Portsmouth pupils firstly whether they would welcome this opportunity and secondly about the logistics of being given time out of school and cost. A suggestion by Councillor Young was to seek the views of an already established youth organisation, such as COPS (Council of Portsmouth Students).

Sandra Gibb agreed to contact COPS for this purpose.

(d) Talk by Charles Clarke

Elizabeth Jenkerson suggested that SACRE members read Charles Clarke's "New settlement" as a fascinating insight in the potential direction of SACREs.

(e) NASACRE AGM

Elizabeth Jenkerson reported that she will be attending the next NASACRE AGM on 17 May 2016.

(f) Southampton document

Elizabeth Jenkerson, who is also a member of Southampton SACRE, reported that she has had sight of Southampton's draft advice document on the subject of religious dress in schools. Elizabeth considered that this information document once finalised, would be of interest to both Portsmouth schools and SACRE members.

Once the Southampton advice document is publically available, the clerk will circulate to SACRE members.

Elizabeth added that she had recently seen a number of rough cut versions of short films by Southampton Solent University, about two young people talking about their daily lives within the context of their religion.

Linda Jacobs added that she had recently seen a wonderful film by St. George's beneficial school entitled "Coming to the UK". The clerk agreed to circulate the link to SACRE members.

RESOLVED that the updates and actions be noted.

9 GCSE Results

Linda Jacobs reported that on the whole outcomes appear to be on an upward trend. A sub-committee will be meeting in due course to analyse the results in greater detail and will report back to a future SACRE meeting their findings.

10 Updates on recent Ofsted visits to Portsmouth Schools

Elizabeth Jenkerson reported that recent inspections on a number of Portsmouth schools had been mostly positive, with some improvements being made. Two schools that had received particularly favourable comments for RE were St Swithun's Catholic Primary and Cottage Grove Primary School.

11 Support for SACRE

Linda Jacobs explained the support for RE information provided is a result of agreed discussions with Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service (HIAS), particularly Patricia Hannam and Justine Ball.

Elizabeth Jenkerson said she felt that SACRE representatives would benefit from a briefing on the new Agreed Syllabus, in order to facilitate its launch, on the understanding it is approved.

SACRE members asked whether it was possible to identify the versions of RE Syllabus Portsmouth schools are using ahead of the expected launch of the revised syllabus.

RESOLVED that SACRE ask all Portsmouth schools what RE syllabus they are using.

12 Role of SACRE members and reporting

The clerk explained the importance of both maintaining the details available to schools (The SACRE directory) and individual groups reporting back to their respective organisations. Members are also asked to give consideration towards succession planning or at least ensure others within their own organisations are aware of SACRE and its role and function.

Elizabeth Jenkerson offered to send a letter on behalf of SACRE to all organisations within the SACRE directory to seek confirmation of current details and offer to update, where requested.

RESOLVED to invite all SACRE members and faith groups to advise the clerk of any updated information.

13 Dates of future meetings

RESOLVED that the following future meeting dates be agreed

- **Wednesday 8 June 2016**
- **Wednesday 5 October 2016**
- **Wednesday 1 March 2017**
- **Wednesday 7 June 2017**

The meeting concluded at 6:25pm.

Chair

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EXTRACTS FROM PORTSMOUTH SCHOOLS' OFSTED INSPECTION REPORTS 2015-16 (relating to RE and SMSC [Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural] development)

Reports are available through the website - <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>

LA Maintained Primary Schools:

- *"Learning makes a strong contribution to pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The school's ethos of respect and understanding underpins learning in all subjects. Differences are not only tolerated but are welcomed and celebrated. Pupils warmly welcome newcomers, quickly making them feel at home. British values are woven throughout the everyday life and work of the school. Trips and visitors extend pupils' experiences effectively and broaden their horizons".*
- *"Pupils learn about a balanced range of world religions. They speak confidently about their beliefs, and listen carefully and respectfully to the views of others. They treat religious artefacts with appropriate respect when using them in the classrooms because teaching is helping them to appreciate their significance in different religions".*

(Cottage Grove Primary School - moved from RI to good)

- *"Pupils ... have ample opportunities to develop spiritually, morally, socially and culturally. They play and learn together well ... They have a clear sense of right and wrong appropriate to their age and stage of life".*
- *The school "is a happy and harmonious community where pupils from a wide and diverse range of backgrounds get on admirably. This is excellent preparation for life in modern Britain".*

(Moorings Way Infant School [short inspection] - remained at good)

N.B. The report from Northern Parade Infant School's short inspection has not yet been made publicly available.

LA/Catholic Diocese Maintained Primary Schools (i.e. not following Agreed Syllabus)

(N.B. Faith schools are subject to a Section 48 inspection).

- *"The school provides well for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through lessons, assemblies and its general ethos. Pupils are well prepared for life in modern Britain. They described how they learn about British values, such as the rule of law, in their history lessons and about democracy through voting for school council members. Pupils are taught about different cultures and faiths and they show a good level of tolerance towards those who are different, including those with special educational needs. There are strong links with the local church, where pupils attend mass regularly. There is also a small prayer room in school where children can go during breaktimes ..."*

(St Swithun's Catholic Primary School - moved from RI to good).

Primary Academies

- *"Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is supported well. Lessons and assemblies enable pupils to explore their feelings and those of others. In one circle time lesson in Year 2, pupils discussed how it felt to be lonely and how they could support others so they did not feel sad. British values are incorporated into topics well ... Pupils demonstrate respect and tolerance for different faiths and cultures".*

(Ark Ayrton Primary Academy - not previously inspected - RI)

LA Maintained Secondary Schools:

- *"Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is a real strength of the school. Opportunities for reflection are threaded through the pupils' day. For example, while studying A Christmas Carol, Year 10 pupils grappled with what the Christmas spirits might represent and how they could influence choices about right or wrong actions."*
- *"Pupils possess a strong social conscience. They are guardians of the values of community and loyalty to their families and each other ... School leaders ensure that pupils have opportunities to experience new and different cultures, outside of their immediate environment. A structured programme of well-planned tutor time, the established house system and memorable assemblies ensure that pupils develop a sense of duty and respect. In this way they are well prepared for life in modern Britain".*

(King Richard Secondary School - moved from Good to RI)

- *"Equality of opportunity and the celebration of diversity have a high priority in the school. The school is a Stonewall Champion School and there are strong and clear messages around the site reinforcing ways in which pupils and staff can show respect for each other".*

(Springfield Secondary School - [short inspection] - remained at good)

LA/Catholic Diocese Maintained Secondary Schools (i.e. not following Agreed Syllabus)

(N.B. Faith schools are subject to a Section 48 inspection).

- *"Fundamental British values and personal, social and health education are woven into the curriculum and pervade the life of the school. As a consequence, equal opportunities are fully promoted and upheld. Intolerance of any form of prejudice is prevalent and pupils are insistent about the rights of all to be treated as equals".*

(St Edmund's Catholic Secondary School - moved from good to outstanding)