



NOTICE OF MEETING

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2016 AT 4.30 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM A - CIVIC OFFICES

Telephone enquiries to Peter Smith-Parkyn (023) 9268 8361
Email: peter.smith-parkyn@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Membership

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.)

Please note that the agenda, minutes and non-exempt reports are available to view online on the Portsmouth City Council website: www.portsmouth.gov.uk

AGENDA

1 Election of Chair followed by Welcome and Introductions

To elect the Chair for this meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference, to be followed by welcome and introductions.

Note: The membership of the Agreed Syllabus Conference, is the same as the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education, it is however a separate statutory body.

2 Apologies for Absence

To receive and note any apologies for absence.

3 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.

4 Minutes of the Previous meetings held on 17 November 2010 and 17 June 2015 (Pages 1 - 6)

Recommended that the minutes of the previous meetings of the Agreed Syllabus Conferences held on 17 November 2010 and 17 June 2015 are agreed as a correct record.

5 Presentation of the Revised Living Difference III

The draft revised syllabus is to follow.

Patricia Hannam from HIAS (Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service) shall present the "Revised Living Difference III".

Recommended that

- (1) the presentation be noted and;**
- (2) Patricia Hannam be thanked**

6 Deputations from the public

To receive any deputations from the public.

7 Revise Syllabus (Living Difference III) - discussion and group votes

Each of the four groups of the Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) discuss within their own groups their joint vote on the revised syllabus.

Each group is entitled to 1 vote and according to non-statutory guidance, in order for the revised syllabus to be approved, all four groups must vote in favour.

Note: If the vote is not unanimous, the ASC must go back to the drawing board and seek to arrive at a proposal which is acceptable to all four groups. If the situation remains unresolved, then the Secretary of State ultimately has the power to impose a syllabus on the authority.

Recommended that

- (1) the revised syllabus "Living Difference III" be approved and;**
- (2) the Local Authority be asked to adopt the new agreed syllabus for Religious Education for Portsmouth and;**
- (3) the Portsmouth's Agreed Syllabus Conference thank Patricia Hannam and all those involved in the writing and review process**

Agenda Item 4

PORTSMOUTH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 17 June 2015 at
4.30 pm in Ground Floor Meeting Room 5, Portsmouth Civic Offices.

Present

Group A Representatives

Elizabeth Jenkerson, Baha'i Faith (In the Chair)
Peter Davies, The Fellowship of Independent
Evangelical Churches
Ruth Guyer, Judaism
Syed Aminul Haque, Islam
Marilyn Leggett, The Salvation Army
Jane Lewis, Quaker

Group B Representatives

Rev. Alice Wood, Anglican Diocese
Brian Hay, Anglican Diocese
Rev. Nick Ralph (standing in for Ven. Dr Joanne Grenfell)

Group C Representatives

Eleanor Assinder, Secondary Teacher Representative
Beverley Millsom, Special School Representative
Sarah Sadler, Primary School Representative
Sarah Hanley, Post 16 Representative

Group D Representatives

Taki Jaffer, Portsmouth City Council
Maria Cole, Portsmouth City Council

Also in Attendance

Charlie Pericleous, Prevent Coordinator, PCC
Sarah Long, Local Authority Representative, PCC
Peter Smith-Parkyn, Democratic Services, PCC

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Geoff Wheeler; Venuka Vyas; Ven. Dr Joanne Grenfell; Richard Wharton; Siôn Reynolds and Sandra Gibb.

2 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 12 June 2009

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

4 Review of Agreed Syllabus

Members of Agreed Syllabus Conference considered the proposal to undertake its statutory duty to review the locally agreed syllabus in a joint arrangement with Hampshire and Southampton.

Upon the formal vote by the four committee groups, the working arrangement and schedule as published on the agenda was unanimously agreed.

Resolved that Portsmouth agrees to the joint working arrangements with Hampshire and Southampton and starts the planned review process.

The meeting concluded at 4:37pm.

Chair

AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held in Conference Room A, Civic Offices,
Portsmouth on Wednesday 17 November 2010 at 5.30 pm.

Present

Peter Davies, the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical
Churches (In the Chair)

GROUP A REPRESENTATIVES

Geoff Wheeler, Baptist Union
Marilyn Leggett, Salvation Army
Ephrat Miller-Foroughi, Baha'i Representative
Reverend Jackie Case, Methodist Church
Sue Vigar-Taylor, Buddhism Representative
Christine McMillan, United Reformed Church Representative

GROUP B REPRESENTATIVES

Brian Hay, Church of England

GROUP C REPRESENTATIVES

Gemma Self, Early Years Representative
Christine Liddle, Primary Teacher Representative
Sandra Gibb, Headteacher, St George's Beneficial
Primary School
Beverley Millsom, Special School Representative

GROUP D REPRESENTATIVE

Taki Jaffer

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Johns, Local Authority Adviser
Georgina Mulhall, former Local Authority Adviser
Clive Erricker, RE Adviser
Teresa Deasy, Democratic Services

1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from the following:

Patrick Quirke, secondary school representative
Ruth Guyer, Judaism
Sue Ganter, co-opted member

Reverend Trevor Reader, Church of England representative
Paula Withers, secondary teacher representative
Gill Parmee, primary teacher representative
Councillor David Horne
Ruth Richmond, Roman Catholic Church
Councillor Malcolm Hey
Councillor David Stephen Butler

3 Minutes – 29 March 2004 (AI 3)

(TAKE IN MINUTES)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2004 be agreed as a correct record.

4 Matters Arising (AI 4)

There were no matters arising.

5 Deputations (AI 5)

There were no deputations.

6 The Revision of Living Difference (AI 6)

(TAKE IN REPORT ON THE RATIFICATION OF THE REVISED
AGREED SYLLABUS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND
ACCOMPANYING REVISED AGREED SYLLABUS DOCUMENT
ENTITLED “LIVING DIFFERENCE”)

Clive Erricker introduced his report and the revised syllabus. He explained that there were a number of revisions to the document which were set out in Appendix 1 to the report. RE teachers had a considerable involvement in the revision of the Agreed Syllabus and had contributed significantly to its redesign. He commented that this tri-authority document was very exciting compared to those produced by other SACREs. Georgina Mulhall commented that the majority of teachers involved in the revision of the Agreed Syllabus were advanced skills teachers in the three authorities.

In reply to a question about whether other local authorities were interested in adopting “Living Difference”. Clive explained that many local authorities tended to retain an Agreed Syllabus if they believed it worked for them. There were other local authorities which tended to take a simpler route in going for a document that would serve the legal purpose given the implications of cost and the requirement to support the document. There had been some interest but that does not always result in other local authorities picking up and running with “Living Difference”.

Brian Hay enquired whether the Ofsted report had sparked local authorities into action with regard to their Agreed Syllabuses. Clive reported that this tended to be the case if Ofsted inspections translated into action.

Mike Johns reminded SACRE members that the Agreed Syllabus would remain as the RE syllabus for Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton for the next five years.

Brian Hay asked whether a new advanced skills teacher in RE would be appointed in Portsmouth to replace Georgina Mulhall, as she had been appointed deputy headteacher at Flying Bull Junior School. Georgina explained that there were no plans to appoint another new advanced skills teacher in RE. She was working with Clive Erricker on the Agreed Syllabus until the launch. The launch of the Agreed Syllabus would take place on 19 January at the Dame Judith Professional Centre between 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

The Agreed Syllabus Conference agreed to accept the recommendations.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the recommended amendments ratified in order to produce a revised syllabus to distribute to schools in January 2011.

The meeting concluded at 5.55 pm.

TMD/DMF
23 November 2010
1611117m1.doc

This page is intentionally left blank