
NOTICE OF MEETING

AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE 2015 AT 4.30 PM

GROUND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 5, CIVIC OFFICES, PORTSMOUTH

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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

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

A G E N D A

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declaration of Interests

3 Minutes of the Previous meeting held on 12 June 2009 (Pages 1 - 4)

4 Review of Agreed Syllabus

Purpose

To consider the proposed schedule for a joint review of the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education (RE) with Hampshire and Southampton SACREs.

Background

The agreed syllabus for teaching of RE is required by primary legislation to be reviewed every five years. The current agreed syllabus was launched in 2011

"The Living Difference Reviewed 2011 (LDR2011)", it is therefore due for review.

Planned timeline

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| 17 July 2015 | – ASC review group 1 - with Hampshire and Southampton
-venue - Winchester Falcon House 1.30-4.30 – SACRE
members and teachers to be a part of writing group |
| 15 Sept 2015 | – ASC review group – with other LAs – venue as above -
1.30pm -4.30pm |
| 9 December 2015 | – writing group only – full day – venue as above |
| 18 Jan 2016 | – writing group only – full day – venue as above |
| 11 April 2016 | – writing group only – full day – venue as above |
| 12 July 2016 | – full day review including writing group – venue to be
confirmed |
| Date to be confirmed (2016) – Launch of new Agreed Syllabus and SACRE
meeting for Portsmouth Schools | |

Recommended that Agreed Syllabus Conference approves the joint working arrangements with Hampshire and Southampton and starts the planned review process.

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Agenda Item 3

PORTSMOUTH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held in Moorings Way Infant School,
Moorings Way, Southsea on Friday 12 June 2009 on the rising of the SACRE
at 4.50 pm.

Present

Group A Representatives

Geoff Wheeler, Baptist Union
Ruth Guyer, Judaism
David Lewis, The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Peter Davies, The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical
Churches
Marilyn Leggett, The Salvation Army
Christine McMillan, United Reformed Church
Mrs Ephrat Miller-Foroughi, Bah'a'i Faith
Chris Robinson, Representing John Lance of the
South Hampshire Humanists

Group B Representative

Brian Hay, Church of England

Group C Representative

Ros Griffiths, Teacher representative
Roger Bentote, Teachers' Liaison Panel
Beverley Millsom, Special Teacher representative

Group D Representatives

Taki Jaffer, PCC and Portsmouth Interfaith Forum
Councillor David Horne, PCC
Councillor Malcolm Hey, PCC

Co-opted Representatives

Sue Ganter, Interfusion
Kieran Anderson, Interfusion
Emma Eacott, Interfusion

Officers in Attendance

Georgina Mulhall, Local Authority Representative
Teresa Deasy, Democratic & Community Engagement,
PCC
Gareth Brettell, Learning & Access Manager, Portsmouth
City Museum

1 Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Apologies for absence were received from the following –

Councillor David Stephen Butler, Celia Axton, Alan Matthews, the Venerable Dr Trevor Reader, John Lance and Paula Withers.

2 Minutes – 29 March 2004 (AI 2)

(TAKE IN MINUTES)

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

3 Chairman's Communications (AI 3)

There were no Chairman's communications.

4 Revision of the Agreed Syllabus (AI 4)

Georgina Mulhall explained that the SACRE had already discussed this matter at the last meeting but it had not been realised at the time that it would be necessary to have a separate Agreed Syllabus Conference. She apologised for this error. This was the reason why this meeting had been called.

Georgina advised that Judith Lowndes, a Hampshire RE Advisor, was taking over the revision of the Agreed Syllabus for the authorities of Hampshire, Southampton and Portsmouth, as Clive Erricker was retiring.

Georgina reminded the SACRE that the funding for the revision of the Agreed Syllabus would come from the SACRE budget. If an overspend was necessary, the matter would be handed to the local authority to negotiate with Hampshire over costs.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Portsmouth SACRE agrees with the decision by Hampshire and Southampton to wait until the review of the National Framework for RE was completed before reviewing its Agreed Syllabus.**
- (2) That the Portsmouth SACRE agrees to go ahead to review the Agreed Syllabus in co-operation with Hampshire and Southampton.**
- (3) With regard to the funding of the Agreed Syllabus process, the Portsmouth Local Authority has agreed to pay a percentage of costs relating to publication and distribution.**

5 Humanism in the Living Difference Syllabus

Kieran Anderson highlighted the fact that only one page in the Living Difference Syllabus had been devoted to humanism. Every other faith/belief referred to in the Living Difference Syllabus was broken down by key stages. He suggested that the SACRE should give consideration to this matter.

SACRE members discussed the suggestion and it was agreed that it would be considered during the review process.

ACTION

Georgina Mulhall to take Kieran Anderson's suggestion regarding the position of humanism in the Living Difference Syllabus to the Agreed Syllabus revision process meetings for further consideration.

The meeting concluded at 4.55 pm.

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