

**DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)**

**WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 2018**

A MEETING of the STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) was held at the 007A AND B - CIVIC OFFICE on WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 2018, at 4.30 pm.

**PRESENT:**

In the Chair – Mr Richard Iball

Councillor Derek Smith and Mr B Teimoori

**APOLOGIES:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors McCreedy, Kevin Rodgers, Andrea Robinson, Mr A Depledge, Mrs P Kaur, Ms A Nicolson, Ms S Norburn and Mrs M Sivaanbu.

6 **Declarations of Interest, if any.**

There were no declarations made at the Meeting.

7 **Quorum**

As there were no representatives from the Church of England or from the Teacher's Association the meeting was inquorate. It was agreed that the meeting continue on an informal basis and the recommendations be ratified at the next quorate meeting of SACRE

8 **Election of Chair**

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair R Iball was elected Chair for the meeting

9 **Minutes of the meeting held on 27th June, 2018**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be agreed as a true record.

10 **To receive the revised RE Syllabus, consider monitoring arrangements and receive feedback from the Launch event (report to follow).**

Lat Blaylock and Paul Ruane informed the meeting that the Agreed Syllabus event had taken place earlier in the day and reported that 38 delegates attended, including representatives from academies. There were no delegates representing any of the secondary schools in the Borough.

The launch event focused on RE lesson planning, teaching and learning, delivering the syllabus, outcomes and assessing progress. Evaluation forms indicated that 68% of those in attendance thought the event was “very good” with 22% rating the event as “good”.

The launch event provided the opportunity to engage with schools and further develop the syllabus. It was expected that the syllabus would be fully implemented by September 2019.

Members were provided the opportunity to ask questions and the following issues were raised:

Mr B Teimoori enquired if information relating to the Baha’i Faith could be included in the syllabus. Lat Blaylock confirmed he would make arrangements to ensure information on the Baha’i faith was appended to the syllabus.

It was acknowledged that further efforts should be made to engage with secondary schools.

Members asked about parental rights to withdraw their children from RE lessons and were informed that parents are initially advised to discuss this with their Headteacher to confirm the school’s arrangements. It was agreed that as part of its ongoing work programme SACRE may wish to find out details of the number of children who withdraw from RE and the reasons.

Members enquired about the monitoring arrangements to ensure the RE syllabus was being taught effectively in schools. It was reported this could be a key role for SACRE and a further suggestion made that developing and distributing a questionnaire to schools could further assist with this.

Members discussed the importance of RE in contributing to and shaping the spiritual, moral development of children and young people.

The following actions were agreed at the meeting:

NO.	ACTION	WHO
<b>1.</b>	<b>Syllabus</b>	
a.	An online copy of the syllabus be made available free of charge to schools.	Paul R
b.	Ensure web page where access to syllabus is available is secure.	Paul R
c.	Contact secondary schools to advise of the revised syllabus and encourage engagement, comment and feedback.	Paul R
d.	Identify training for schools – review launch event evaluation forms	Lat B
<b>2.</b>	<b>Additional Syllabus Information</b>	
a.	Humanist mini guide (Manchester example) be included on the web page.	Lat B

b.	Information re Baha'l faith to be sent to Lat B by Mr B Teimoori for consideration for inclusion as an appendix to the agreed syllabus.	Sent via Andrew S
c.	SACRE to identify any further mini guides for inclusion on website.	SACRE
<b>3.</b>	<b>SACRE Work Programme</b>	
a.	Future work programme to include analysis and understanding of why children in Doncaster School's withdraw from RE lessons (via Questionnaire – see b. below)	Paul R/Lat B
b.	Future work plan to include consideration of how effectiveness of the new syllabus will be monitored following implementation in Autumn 2019. Consideration be given to formulating a questionnaire to schools including opportunity for them to identify any help and support in delivering the syllabus.	Paul R
c.	Clarification of future work required from RE Today to support SACRE.	Paul R & Lat B
<b>4.</b>	<b>FUTURE RE TODAY SUPPORT</b>	
	Identification of training events to be held for secondary and primary schools by RE today held prior to future meetings.	Paul R and Lat B
<b>5</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
a.	To ensure SACRE can operate effectively arrangements required to fill outstanding vacancies.	Paul R/A Sercombe

11 Date and time of next meeting - 20th March, 2019 at 4.00 pm

The date and time of future meetings were agreed as follow:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm.

CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_