

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

**29TH NOVEMBER, 2016**

## **DECISION SUMMARY**

**Please note that the meeting was declared inquorate. It was agreed that the meeting take place but no decisions were made, only recommendations which would need to be ratified at the next meeting.**

**In advance of the production of the minutes, the following is a summary of the recommendations arising from the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) meeting held on Tuesday 29th November, 2016.**

<b>Agenda Item No. and Subject Matter</b>		<b>Decision</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nuala Fennelly and Majid Khan, Mr R Iball, Ms S Norburn, Mary Sivaanbu, Ms J Crowther, Mr T Griffiths and Michael McGuigan.	All to note.
3.	Declarations of Interest	None	All to note
4.	Pre-meeting Item – SACRE AGM report	<p>The Chair gave a brief presentation of the report and requested that members read the response and suggestions made by Bruce Gillham.</p> <p>The Group recommended to note the update and paper presented by the Chair of his attendance at the NASACRE AGM on the 17th May, 2016.</p>	All to note
5.	Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May, 2016	AGREED as a True Record	All to note
7.	Annual Review Membership and Attendance	<p>It was recommended that:-</p> <p>(1) the new Minister Adam Priestly be invited to attend SACRE meetings;</p> <p>(2) a Review be undertaken of the Membership and Attendance;</p> <p>(3) Members be reminded of the importance of attendance to ensure the meetings are quorate; and</p> <p>(4) a Review of the Constitution and Terms of Reference be undertaken and a report be submitted to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Rev TM</p> <p>RH</p> <p>AT</p> <p>RH</p>

8.	New Arrangements for SACRE	It was recommended that clarity be sought from the Local Authority on what the new arrangements for SACRE would be following recent resource changes.	RH
9.	SACRE Briefing 12	<p>It was recommended that the Briefing be noted and further clarity be sought prior to the next meeting on who would be responsible for Member log in's/password's.</p> <p>Rev T McCready stated that he would also prepare a brief report to the Muslim/Christian Faith Group in relation to the Tell Mama Annual Report 2015 requesting their views and report back to the next meeting.</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>Rev TM</p>
10.	NATRE Primary Survey Findings	It was recommended that the NATRE Primary Survey Findings be noted.	All to note
11.	Information Exchange	<p>It was noted that the SACRE Autumn 2016 e newsletter had been forwarded to all schools for their information.</p> <p>Rev T McCready shared with the Members the following information:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-7 February 2017 was International Interfaith Harmony Week which would be a festival of minority faiths and he would be contacting people asking for their participation.</li> <li>• Refugee week would take place in the 3rd week of June 2017 which would also fall within Ramadan. He stated that it was the intention for there to be a week of prayer and following the end of Ramadan there would be a celebration of cultural diversity.</li> </ul> <p>Mr S Syed shared with Members his thoughts and comments regarding his recent visit to the Israel.</p>	All to note

12.	Future Agenda Items	<p>It was recommended that future agenda items Should be as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Membership and Attendance</li> <li>• Review of Constitution and Terms of Reference</li> <li>• Draft SACRE Annual Report 2015-16 for approval</li> <li>• Review of the Local Agreed Syllabus</li> <li>• Presentation Humanism Website</li> <li>• Response from Muslim/Christian Faith Group on the Anti-Muslim Hatred report</li> </ul>	
13.	Date and Time of next meeting	<p>AGREED that the next meeting be scheduled to take place on Monday 6th March, 2017 in Room 7a&amp;b Civic Office commencing at 4.00 p.m.</p>	All to note