

ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD

AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE MEETING

21 February 2012

PRESENT: Councillor Natasha Airey, Councillor Dee Quick, Saghir Ahmed (Islamic Trust), Michael Gammage (Chairman) (Baha'i Community of Maidenhead) and Julie Mintern (Vice-chairman) (Church of England).

Officers in attendance: Jo Fageant and Michael Kiely (minutes).

ACTION

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2011

A revised set of minutes was circulated in advance of the meeting. These were approved.

2 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest

Apologies for Absence were received from Dalwyn Attwell (NAHT), Jasvinder Bhogal (Maidenhead Sikh Temple), Mary Christie (Roman Catholic Church), Joan Hicks (Church of England), Nick Lowe (Baptist Church), and Jagdish Varma (Hinduism).

Apologies were also received from Karen Butler.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 RE Syllabus Review Update

Sample parts of the draft syllabus had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It had been updated to demonstrate to members the proposed new structure of the revised syllabus.

Feedback from teachers had been very positive.

There was to be a meeting to discuss the syllabus with faith group representatives on Monday 19th March at the Church of the Latter Day Saints, Mead Way, Reading. All SACRE members were encouraged to consider attendance. It would run from 1pm to 8pm, and attendees would be free to attend for part of that time if they wished. At that meeting the full document would be reviewed, religion by religion. Faith communities would be encouraged to refine and agree it.

During the discussion, the following comments were made:

- A positive comment was made about the separation of the main document from the appendices. The appendices could then be kept up to date independently from the main document, and could include a greater level of detail.
- There was a need to continue to demonstrate the positive contribution that Religious Education makes to society.
- RE was not just about learning about religion, but also learning from

religion.

- The new syllabus was informed by information contained within the Non-statutory National Framework for RE (2004) as well as the current syllabus.
- Members welcomed the improvements made, and looked forward to future developments.

4 AOB

There were no items.

5 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that this would take place around late May 2012.

**Michael
Kiely**