

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NETWORK MEETING OF LOCAL SACREs

NOTES OF THE MEETING held on Thursday 13 March 2014 at 10.00 am in the Wellington Room, Winchester

Present:

Bournemouth – Lynda Ford-Horne

Hampshire - Councillor Roz Chadd

Councillor Choudhary

Patricia Hannam

Katy Sherwood

Isle of Wight - Joy Buckley

Harry Kirby

Ralph Hodd

Poole/Dorset - Derek Holloway

Portsmouth & Southampton – Elizabeth Jenkerson

Surrey - Margaret Hicks

University of Winchester – Rhiannon Love

West Berkshire - Sandra Wylie

West Sussex - Nigel Bloodworth

Wiltshire - Simone Kermode

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Davies (Portsmouth), Jan Lever (Wiltshire, Reading, Wokingham), Zvi Solomons (Reading), Peter Ward (Surrey) Mary Douglas (Wiltshire), Rachel Boxer (Swindon) and Mark Cawte (Swindon)

1. Notes of the Last Meeting

A few minor changes were noted on the minutes from the previous meeting:

- On page 2 under “Surrey”, it was noted that the Local Authority had been aware of the their statutory duties, but the SACRE had raised their level of commitment.-
- On page 2 under “Isle of Wight”, it was noted that there had been support from the Local Authority but attendance from representatives had been very poor.

The notes of the previous meeting were otherwise agreed to be an accurate record.

2. Welcome to SACRE Members

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were done around the table.

3. Discussion of South Central SACRE ‘Hub’

Patricia Hannam introduced the item, confirming that the protocol for the group had been written when there were only seven members, as opposed to the current fourteen members and therefore was due to be refreshed.

It was agreed that the 'hub' was a successful model that all groups benefitted from, yet still had freedom to consult other panels and groups outside of the network. Derek Holloway explained how a similar teaching hub was working in Devon and Cornwall known as the Peninsula project, which had been an excellent way of developing teaching and leadership skills.

The group discussed members paying a subscription for a year, to help contribute towards officer time and it was decided that £90 would be a suitable amount.

There was discussion as to whether Academies should be invited to join the 'hub', but it was thought best to get better established first before opening up to other sectors.

Patricia Hannam summarised the proposed changes to the protocol ready for circulation, and the 'hub' would be known as the "South Central SACRE Hub".

It was agreed that before the next Joint SACRE meeting in July:

- The new protocol would be circulated to members
- Members of the Hub would prepare a short verbal update on what their current SACRE's were working on
- Members would have a think about the longer term goals of the Hub for discussion

4. NASACRE matters

Elizabeth Jenkerson confirmed the next NASACRE conference was due to take place on the 22 May 2014 in London. Members were also encouraged to apply for the West Hill funding that was currently available.

5. Update and discussion on other national matters:

It was confirmed that the APPG was on Monday 17 March 2014 and Elizabeth Jenkerson was attending and had been encouraging local MP's to also attend.

The group discussed the RE Quality Mark and whether there had been much take-up from schools, but it appeared that most schools found it too expensive to pursue.

6. Any Other Business

There was discussion over controversy regarding the Shoe Box appeal in some schools in that some parents didn't feel it was made very clear it was a Christian Charity appeal, but this was a long standing issue and not related to SACREs.

7. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that dates in early July would be looked at, depending on room availability. This would be followed up with the Hub in due course.