

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)** held at Room 15 - Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford, SG17 5TQ on Tuesday, 12 June 2012.

PRESENT

Jane Chipperton (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs D Gurney (Vice-Chairman)

Group A:

Mary Sullivan	Roman Catholic Church Representative
Marion Roberts	Free Church Representative
Nina Leigh	Jewish Representative
Ven Akurala Samitha	Buddhist Representative
T S Bhavra	Sikh Representative

Group B: Rev. Anne Crawford Church of England Representative

Group C: Chris Spurgeon Head Teacher, St Marys Lower Clophill School
Kathleen Eldridge Secondary RE Specialist, Redborne Upper School
Janet Day Special School Rep, Weatherfield Special School

Group D: Cllrs: Mrs A Barker, C C Gomm, Mrs D B Gurney, D Jones and B Wells

Officers in Attendance:	Miss H Bell	– Committee Services Officer
	Mr S Morrow	– School Improvement Advisor
	Mr P Harpin	– School Intervention Manager

SACRE/11/42 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Sister Aiden, Linda Hardy, Tom Waterworth and Cllr Versallion.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Barker, Chairman of Central Bedfordshire Council as a new Member of SACRE.

Steve Morrow announced that he would be leaving his post as School Improvement Advisor, Central Bedfordshire Council and subsequently introduced Paul Harpin, School Intervention Officer, Central Bedfordshire Council, who would now be responsible for work associated with SACRE.

The Chairman on behalf of SACRE recorded her gratitude to Steve for all of his work undertaken on SACRE and wished him all the very best for the future.

SACRE/11/43 Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2012 be approved as a correct record subject to Cllr Gomm being recorded as present.

SACRE/11/44 Change to Constitution

The SACRE were invited to consider the Constitution and agree an additional paragraph (2.5) as follows:

“SACRE welcome all new Membership applications. Repeat applicants will only be considered on an annual basis. Applicants are invited to make representations to SACRE in support of their application. The decision will be made at the next meeting of SACRE and communicated 10 working days after that meeting.”

During detailed discussion, members made further amendments as follows:

- Paragraph 1.1 – Addition of word ‘Academies’ as final word to last sentence.
- Paragraph 1.4 – Deletion of reference to QCA and replace with word ‘Academies’.
- Paragraph 3.5 – Deletion of words ‘Temporary substitution’ and replace with ‘Named Substitutes only’
- Constitution to be dated June 2012.

AGREED

That amendments to the SACRE Constitution as detailed in the preamble above be agreed.

SACRE/11/45 Feedback from NASACRE AGM

The SACRE were advised that the Chairman had attended the NASACRE AGM. It was noted that Bob Jackson, Professor of Religion Education, University of Warwick, was a guest speaker.

It was noted that Research and European Policy making on Religious Education was now taking account and focussing on taking account of young people’s views in developing the subject.

All of the AGM papers would be available on the NASACRE website.

AGREED

That the update from the NASACRE AGM be noted.

SACRE/11/46 National Updates

SACRE were advised of National Updates, including RE Council of England and Wales, All Party Parliamentary Group, RE Council press release 11 June, other national work and RE Quality Mark. A paper detailing the updates was circulated at the meeting.

AGREED

That the National updates be noted.

SACRE/11/47 Development Plan Update

Members received the Central Bedfordshire SACRE Development Plan and Budget Plan April 2012 – March 2013 in so far as it related to the work of the SACRE. A paper setting out the Development Plan and Budget Plan was circulated at the meeting.

Attention was drawn to the need to support Professional Studies Group in RE, especially concentrating on Primary Planning. It was now noted that Redbourne Upper School would lead on this project.

AGREED

That the Central Bedfordshire SACRE Development Plan and Budget Plan April 2012 – March 2013 be noted.

SACRE/11/48 Schools Survey

Members received an update on the Schools Survey.

SACRE/11/49 Agreed Syllabus

Members were invited to discuss and agree the next steps regarding the Agreed Syllabus.

It was noted that a third launch had taken place on 19 April 2012 at the eForest Centre, Marston Moretaine. 38 Participants across the three Boroughs had attended.

Three further courses were planned as follows:

- Effective and Engaging Teaching and Learning with the new syllabus, 4 July 2012.
- Assessment for learning in RE, beyond the tick box, 8 October 2012.
- Teaching Three Religions, 30 January 2013.

It was noted that Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Council were willing to fund some more units from SACRE (4 units £1600) Members were advised of requests for different year groups.

RE Today was currently filming good practice in RE classrooms in Hertfordshire and Leicestershire and should be ready to release the film by the end of September.

AGREED

That the way forward for Agreed Syllabus Support to include; three further courses and units of learning be agreed.

SACRE/11/50 Ofsted Judgements

Members were invited to consider an update concerning Ofsted inspections undertaken since the introduction of the new framework introduced in January 2012. A paper setting out the inspection details was circulated at the meeting.

It was noted that 9 interim assessments, 7 were for lower schools (all maintained), 1 middle (Academy) and 1 Upper (Academy).

AGREED

That the update on Ofsted inspections be noted.

SACRE/11/51 HMD 2013

Members were invited to consider the Holocaust Memorial Day 2013.

Following detailed discussion upon the Holocaust Memorial Day 2013 it was suggested that the School Intervention Manager write to the Chief Executive, Central Bedfordshire Council to enquire about hosting the event at Priory House. In addition it was also suggested that Cedars Upper School be asked about the possibility of hosting the event.

AGREED

That letters enquiring about hosting a Holocaust Memorial day 2013 be sent to the Chief Executive, Central Bedfordshire Council and Cedars Upper School.

SACRE/11/52 Humanist Membership request update

Members were advised that the Humanist representative was unable to attend the meeting and make representations in support of a membership request.

SACRE agreed that the Humanist representative be invited to attend the next meeting, if unable then written representations be submitted. Cllr Mrs Gurney would chair this item of business.

AGREED

That the Humanist representative be invited to attend the next meeting of SACRE. If unable to attend the representative submit written representations.

SACRE/11/53 Dates of Future meetings

AGREED

That future SACRE meetings be held as follows;

- **Wednesday 10 October 2012 – 2.00p.m, Room 15, Priory House, Chicksands.**
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- **Wednesday 30 January 2013 – 2.00p.m, Room 15, Priory House, Chicksands.**

(Note: The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. and concluded at 3.45 p.m..)

Chairman

Date