

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 Wednesday, 5 October 2011.

PRESENT

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

Group A: Sister Aiden Richards Roman Catholic Church Representative
Mary Sullivan Roman Catholic Church Representative

Group B: Rev. Anne Crawford Church of England Representative

Group C:
Kathleen Eldridge Secondary RE Specialist, Redborne Upper School
Jacquie Binks Middle Schools Rep, Etonbury Middle School
Janet Day Special School Rep, Weatherfield Special School

Group D: Cllrs: C C Gomm, D Jones and D J Lawrence

Officers in Attendance: Miss H Bell – Committee Services Officer
Mr S Morrow – School Improvement Officer

SACRE/11/16 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Nina Leigh, Tom Waterworth, Marion Roberts, Chris Spurgeon, Akurala Samitha, Councillor Mrs A Barker.

SACRE/11/17 Welcome

Members of the SACRE team were welcomed to the meeting of the Central Bedfordshire Council SACRE.

SACRE/11/18 Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting and Agreed Syllabus Conference be approved as a correct record subject to the deletion of the word Councillor when referring to Jane Chipperton.

SACRE/11/19 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

SACRE/11/20 Annual Report 2010/2011

The SACRE were advised of the annual report 2010/11. The three main elements of the development plan had been split into three main elements as follows:

Development Plan
Launch of the syllabus
Religious Education Society and link between the SACRE

The Chairman sought volunteers to write a report on one of the above elements.

It was further advised that a precis of Religious education GCSE results would be incorporated in the report.

As part of the Annual report, members received a summary of the highlights from the NASACRE Annual General Meeting and information about development opportunities for RE teachers. They also noted information on the re-writing of the Local Authority's Agreed Syllabus.

RESOLVED

That the SACRE Annual report 2010/11 be noted.

SACRE/11/21 Development Plan Update

The Council received an update on the SACRE Development Plan for 2011/12, the main aim of which was to ensure that high quality Religious Education and Collective worship are delivered in Central Bedfordshire schools.

During discussion upon this item, SACRE discussed the importance of the need for encouraging Free schools and Academies to liaise with Central Bedfordshire in order to work to the agreed syllabus. It was agreed that this be discussed at the next meeting.

Reference was made to the need to work collaboratively with Bedford Borough and Luton Local Authority's to embed the revised Agreed Syllabus by providing joint training opportunities for RE teachers and subject leaders across the phases. The Chairman agreed to compile a list of training providers for schools.

The SACRE discussed the 2012 Holocaust memorial day event. It was agreed that a Working Group formed from members of SACRE be established.

Members were reminded that the Local Authority's Agreed Syllabus would be launched on 2 November 2011 at Putteridgebury, Luton.

RESOLVED

that the update on the Central Bedfordshire SACRE Development Plan April 2011-March 2012 be noted.

SACRE/11/22 NASCRE Newsletter

The SACRE received and considered the NASACRE newsletter.

Members noted that NASACRE had a new chair, Bruce Gill, and suggested that he should be invited to a future meeting of SACRE to assist in the delivery of training on Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development.

RESOLVED

That the NASACRE newsletter be noted and that the new Chair of NASACRE be invited to a future meeting of SACRE.

SACRE/11/23 RE Results 2011

The SACRE were advised of Central Bedfordshire Schools' RE GCSE results. A report setting out the results in detail would be circulated to all Members.

SACRE/11/24 Ofsted Update

The SACRE received an update on Ofsted results. It was agreed that a letter be sent on behalf of SACRE to schools that had achieved a Good or Outstanding inspection result.

SACRE/11/25 Survey of Collective Worship/RE Curriculum - Coverage

The SACRE were invited to consider a survey of collective worship/RE curriculum coverage. It was advised that a sample of schools had been issued with the survey. Results of the survey would be reported the next meeting.

RESOLVED

that the survey of Collective Worship/RE Curriculum- coverage be noted.

SACRE/11/26 The NASACRE / Westhill Awards 2012/13

Members received and considered information that was tabled at the meeting concerning the NASACRE/Westhill awards 2012/13. The report advised of what NASACRE was doing, 2010/11 awards, 2009/10 awards and 2008/09 awards.

SACRE/11/27 Agreed Syllabus Conference - 2 November 2011

Members were invited to note arrangements for the Agreed Syllabus conference to be held on Wednesday 2 November 2011 at Puteridgebury, Luton.

SACRE/11/28 Invitation to SCARE Members

Members of SACRE were invited to observe RE being taught in Central Bedfordshire schools.

Councillors Mrs D B Gurney and C Gomm volunteered to observe RE being taught in a Central Bedfordshire school. Councillor Lawrence asked that he be able to attend Vandyke School to observe.

SACRE/11/29 Date and venue of next meeting

RESOLVED

That the next two meetings of SACRE be held as follows:

Tuesday 31 January 2012, 2.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Priory House, Shefford;

Tuesday 12 June 2012, 2.00 p.m. in Room 15 Priory House, Shefford.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. and concluded at 3.46 p.m.)

Chairman

Date