East Sussex SACRE

Agenda

Wednesday 22nd June 2016 2:00 – 4:00pm Chairman's Function Room, Westfield House County Hall, Lewes BN7 1SG

Item	Time	Subject	Papers	Lead
1	13:45	Tea & Coffee Networking		
2	14:00	Welcome & apologies Declarations of conflicts of interest	No	Cllr Galley
3	14:05	Reflection	No	
4	14:10	Minutes of meeting 11 th February 2016 & Matters Arising	Yes	Cllr Galley
5	14:20	National issues: - Govt White Paper 'Educational Excellence Everywhere' - Recent reports	No	Cllr Galley
6	14:50	RE Syllabus - Update on Syllabus Conference	No	Lilian Weatherley
7	15:00	School visits update - Timetable - Attendees	Yes	Cllr Galley
8	15:15	RE View - NASACRE report	Yes	Lilian Weatherley
9	15:40	Budget update	Yes	Julie Dougill
10	15.50	AOB - Email from Deborah Weston - 2016 Conference date - 2017 meeting dates		Cllr Galley

Next meeting:

23rd November 2016- venue to be confirmed



East Sussex SACRE

Notes of the meeting

Date: Thursday 11th February 2016

Venue: Chairman's Function Room, County Hall, Lewes BN7 1SG

Chairman: Councillor Roy Galley

Clerk: Julie Stevens

Present: Cllr Roy Galley, Mr Peter White, Cllr Richard Stogdon, Cllr Mike Pursglove, Cllr Pat

Rodohan, Dr Brenda Vance, Mrs Pamela Hartog, Mrs Rosemary Roberts, Mrs Jenni

Osborn, Dr Norman Williamson, Miss Becky Gough, Ms Laura Cooper

Also present: George Jelliss (Humanist Observer), Robin Taylor (Pagan Observer), Lilian

Weatherley (Advisor to SACRE), Julie Dougill (LA Advisor), Julie Stevens (Clerk),

Maria Conway (Observer)

Apologies: Dr Tariq Rajbee, Mr Martin Lloyd, Mr Lewis Hall, Cllr Trevor Webb

Item	Title	Action
1	AGM Cllr Galley	
	Note: The meeting started at 14:20 due to attendees being delayed in traffic problems	
1.1	Apologies were noted. It was agreed that the meeting was quorate therefore the AGM could go ahead.	
1.2	Election of Chair	
	Councillor Stogdon and Mr Peter White put nominations forward for Councillor Galley to continue as Chair. This was unanimously agreed and therefore Councillor Galley was formally elected as Chair of SACRE for a further 12 month term.	
1.3	Election of Vice-Chair	
	Councillor Stogdon and Mrs Rosemary Roberts put nominations forward for Mr Peter White to remain as Vice Chair. This was unanimously agreed and therefore Mr Peter White was formally elected as Vice Chair of SACRE for a further 12 month term.	
1.4	Election of Chairs of individual SACRE representative groups	
	SACRE unanimously agreed that the following people should be elected as Chairs of the individual SACRE representative groups: Jenni Osborn for the 'other' faiths Becky Gough for the Teacher Associations Rosemary Roberts for the Church of England Councillor Roy Galley for the Local Authority	
1.5	Budget Update Julie Dougill	
	Budget paper was circulated to the meeting (attached with minutes).	
	The following key points were noted: - Most of the expenditure from the budget is for the service that Lilian	
	 Most of the expenditure from the budget is for the service that Lilian Weatherley provides, not only to SACRE but also for training in schools. Approximately £150 still to be taken from the budget, for meeting cost at 	

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	The following amendments will be made to the Scrutiny Report: - Budget to be confirmed	JD
	Cllr Stogdon referred to the term 'British Values' in the Scrutiny report and asked if the Scrutiny Committee will understand the context of British Values. LW agreed to add a footnote to the report as clarification.	
	Becky Gough confirmed that RE is one of the low priority GCSE's.	
	onwards. LW agreed there had been a downturn and explained that there is an issue with secondary schools not meeting statutory legislation i.e. not all schools are compliant, but LW did point out that East Sussex are above the national picture with GCSE results.	
	Cllr Stogdon stated that he would be interested to hear what the committee thinks of the reasons why there has been a substantive downturn in GCSE results from 2013	
3	Annual report/Scrutiny report Lilian Weatherley	
	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and there were no matters arising.	
	Action point to carry forward: 8. LW/Cllr Galley to draft some comments and circulate to SACRE for their input re the Charles Clarke comments on the National Curriculum.	
	7. Format for the annual report; LW confirmed that there is a new format on the NASACRE website for the annual report.	
	Two typing errors had been picked up by Mr Peter Ward which the Clerk has amended.	
2.1	Minutes of meeting 25 th November 2015 & Matters Arising Cllr Galley	
	Note: Reflection moved to the end of the meeting as Jenni Osborn was delayed in arriving and requested a later slot on the agenda	
2	Business Meeting	
	 that will be left in the budget as we are not allowed to carry any funds forward to the next financial year. LW suggested using the funds for work to be completed on adapting a simple guide on each of the Faiths that Brighton and Hove SACRE had produced for their schools. LW to check if Brighton and Hove are happy to share this information and if so it was agreed that this guide would be useful for our schools and the remaining budget could be used for this. LW to send a copy of the guide to SACRE members, but please note this is currently a Brighton and Hove SACRE document. JD advised that the indicative budget for 2016/17 will be increased to £12,000 as we are re-launching the new RE syllabus. 	LW LW
	Gildredge House and cost of refreshments for today's meeting. - JD asked if there are any resources that we could spend the small amount	

	- Footnote to be added around the 4 core values of British values	LW
	SACRE agreed the report with these additions	
4	School visits proforma Lilian Weatherley	
	LW explained that the purpose of having a proforma for the school visits is so that SACRE members have a format when visiting and they can also be sent to the schools.	
	Becky Gough suggested offering a Q&A session to the schools.	
	Cllr Galley confirmed the aim is to visit the 12 maintained secondary schools by the end of 2016.	
	Becky Gough confirmed that a visit to Claverham would be very welcome.	
	SACRE agreed that we need to make it very clear to the schools the reasons behind the visits from SACRE. LW agreed to put together some points and the Clerk will include these in emails to the schools when arranging the visits.	LW Clerk
5	RE View Lilian Weatherley	
	Peter Ward joined the meeting at 15:25	
	LW gave an overview of the RE View. Clerk to send to all schools. NASACRE conference 2016 – Jenni Osborn said she would be interested in attending this year. Cllr Galley also agreed he would like to attend if possible.	Clerk
	Clerk to re-send the email from NASACRE (NASACRE briefing) to SACRE members	Clerk
6	Review of RE Syllabus Julie Dougill/Lilian Weatherley	
	The first meeting of the working group to be held on 19th April in Westfield House. SACRE members are welcome to attend. The aim is to present a draft copy of the syllabus to the SACRE meeting in June.	
7	Reflection Jenni Osborn	
	Jenni led reflection.	
8	AOB	
	There was no further business.	
	Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 22 nd June 2016 @ 2:00pm Chairman's Function Room, Westfield House, County Hall, Lewes BN7 1UE	



REView East Sussex June 2016

National News Commission on RE

It is the Religious Education Council's intention to establish an independent Commission on RE, which will look into the complex range of issues that relate to the legal and wider policy framework around the subject. During February and March the REC has been consulting on a draft set of terms of reference for the Commission, as well as considering what sort of experience and expertise we would like the commissioners to bring. We hope to establish the Commission in June and will ask the commissioners to independently investigate the issues and report back with findings and recommendations

The RE Council has now sent out a consultation to the authorised representatives of its member organisations asking for their comments on the draft Terms of Reference which were approved at the last meeting of the REC Board. Members are also welcome to arrange a meeting to discuss these, or any other aspect of the Commission, with the CEO at a time of mutual convenience. The final terms of reference for the Commission was approved at the meeting of the REC Board on 16th April. (More to follow)

Campaign legacy sees teacher recruitment momentum continue

The second year of the Beyond the Ordinary campaign to attract people to apply for PGCEs in secondary RE is now underway. They are building on the legacy of last year's efforts, which saw RE PGCE recruitment in 2015 outperforming all other PGCE subjects generally, and other humanities subjects in particular. This year, the campaign is focused on using social media and direct communication with degree students.

Most recent UCAS statistics are even more encouraging:

- In mid-January overall numbers of RE applications were over 30% higher than last year, far outperforming other subjects as a whole
- Applicants with either a conditional place or a holding offer numbered 210 up over 150 per cent on the equivalent 2014 figure (80).

Young Ambassadors' News

The REC were also happy to hear from a couple of Young Ambassadors teams with an update on the projects that they have been involved in this term. They are now hoping to secure donations to enable Young Ambassadors for RE from all over the country to travel to a conference in London where they will present their findings to each other.

RE Quality Mark Conference

The REQM team is very grateful for the generous support from the Hockerill Foundation which funded the third RE Quality Mark Conference, held at Liverpool Hope University and attended by 50 delegates, including colleagues from schools which had achieved the RE Quality Mark. The conference focused on sharing examples of high quality practice which had enabled schools to achieve the award and to continue high quality provision. A number also shared the findings from the classroom based research which

they had undertaken with support from Liverpool Hope, Canterbury, UEA and Worcester universities.

The keynotes were given by Dr Debra Kidd who reminded colleagues of what a 'Curriculum with Conscience' looks like; and Dr Mark Chater who scoped the potential policy changes, the REC's proposals for a national commission to gather evidence and make proposals on RE.

Colleagues from all phases heard about research and new ideas from early years, special educational needs, primary and secondary sectors. These were followed up with further conversations during the breaks. Some excellent feedback on the conference has been received, with many teachers looking forward to implementing ideas which came from the conference.

The presentations from the conference can be downloaded from the REQM website: http://reqm.org/news

The REQM team are currently looking for a replacement to manage the project. Both Mary Myatt and Jane Brooke who not only launched the project but managed to date, have decided to step down. We wait to see who will be appointed to carry on this successful work.

RE Quality Mark Grants

Thanks to REC members Keswick Hall Trust, Culham St Gabriel's Trust and Westhill Endowment Trust, there are a number of grants available for small schools (fewer than 150 pupils) and schools requiring improvement which would like to apply for the RE Quality Mark. The grants are managed by the RE Council and schools can indicate on their application forms if they would like to be considered for a grant.

For more information about the RE Quality Mark and to download the application form, please visit the **REQM website** or email Sylwia Urbaniak, the new REQM Administrator, at **admin@reqm.org**

Lord Winston and Chief Rabbi speak at Teaching Judaism conference On 22nd February, more than 90 teachers of RE attended the first ever Teaching Judaism, held jointly by The Board of Deputies of British Jews and Partnerships for Jewish Schools at the Western Marble Arch Synagogue, aimed at educators teaching the new Judaism GCSE syllabus.

Rabbi Mirvis spoke about the essence of Jewish prayer while fertility expert Lord Winston gave a talk entitled 'Why Bother Learning About Judaism', in which he spoke about the interplay between faith and science. Representatives from exam boards AQA, Edexcel, Eduqas and OCR also answered questions about new GCSE requirements and changes to the syllabus.

Delegates also attended workshops run by leading educators on various facets of the new syllabus which will be examined for the first time in 2018, which were popular and well-received.

Hindu Council UK: Questions and answers on Hinduism

The Hindu Council has set up a website that deals with question and answers on Hinduism, covering topics such as why there are many gods in Hinduism; a mature understanding of the law of karma; the caste system; reincarnation; and a Hindu take on abortion and euthanasia. Please visit the website to find out more: http://www.hinduismquestionandanswer.com/

Hinduism Workshops for Schools

Avesha Presentations offer a variety of resources on Hinduism, serving schools and educators all over England, Wales, and Scotland. They work with Foundation Stage, Primary, Secondary, SEN, University Religious Studies students, trainee teachers, and other professionals. They also run CPD courses and INSET sessions, specialising in dynamic, reflective workshops for teachers and students of all ages, experiential at all levels, with more academic content included where appropriate. The half or full-day workshops are run by co-founder of ISKCON Educational Services Indriyesha Das and his wife Krishna, who provide a nationwide service.

For more information on workshop content and fees, visit **www.hinduismworkshops.co.uk**.

To make a booking, contact:

Email: admin@hinduismworkshops.co.uk or bookings@hinduismworkshops.co.uk

Tel/Fax: 01923 351 209 Mob: 07940 963 014

Three Faiths Forum Inter Faith Workshops

3FF works with over 6,000 young people across the UK each academic year. Their award-winning interfaith workshops explore themes of faith, belief and identity, and allow students to ask challenging questions within a safe space. There are currently grants available for their workshops to schools in London and Birmingham for Summer Term 2016.

For more info contact **siobhan@3ff.org.uk** or visit

http://www.3ff.org.uk/schools/education-workshops.php.

Teach RE course

The TeachRE course continues to develop and meet the needs of all teachers of RE. Please look out for new versions of the course to be launched in a few months time. There is a new TeachRE LITE version for use by those who work in primary initial teacher training and with NQTs, and also a module-only option of the course serving secondary teachers who want to develop their subject knowledge to teach the new GCSE and A level courses. Find out more at www.teachre.co.uk

REC joint statement with NATRE on the APPG on RE

On 8th March the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Religious Education met in order to discuss changes to its purpose statement. At that meeting, the APPG agreed a new purpose statement as follows:

To provide a medium through which parliamentarians and organisations with

an interest in religious education can discuss the current provision of religious education, press for continuous improvement, promote public understanding and advocate effective education for every young person in religious world views.

The original purpose had read [the changed wording is in bold]:

To provide a medium through which parliamentarians and organisations with an interest in religious education can discuss the current provision of religious education, press for continuous improvement, promote public understanding and advocate **rigorous** education for every young person in religious and **non-religious** world views.

RE Council Chief Executive, Rudolf Eliott Lockhart, and NATRE Chair Daniel Hugill commented:

We are disappointed that the All Party Parliamentary Group has decided to narrow its understanding of what religious education (RE) means. RE is a dynamic subject that benefits from an ongoing debate over its nature and scope. Members of both the RE Council and NATRE continue to discuss and review the current and future shape of religious education. A broad and inclusive approach to these discussions is necessary for the health of the subject. The APPG has chosen to cut itself off from an important part of the debate. In doing so it makes itself out of touch with the reality of a vibrant part of what is going on in many RE classrooms across the country.

NASACRE Conference 'Shaping the Future' 2016 May 17th 2016

The RE Consultant attended this conference at the Methodist Central Hall Westminster.

Keynote Speakers

The Rt Hon Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss GBE, formerly President of the Family Division of the High Court was the first female Lord Justice of Appeal and until 2004, was the highest-ranking female judge in the United Kingdom. She has chaired many high profile enquiries and inquests. Baroness Butler-Sloss served as Chair for the recently published Commission on Religion and Belief in British Public Life.' Living With Difference'. The commission's purpose was to consider the place and role of religion and belief in contemporary Britain, to consider the significance of emerging trends and identities, and to make recommendations for public life and policy. Its premise was that in a rapidly changing diverse society everyone is affected, whatever their private views on religion and belief, and by how public policy

The main conclusions were:

and public institutions respond to social change.

- A national conversation should be launched across the UK by leaders of faith communities and ethical traditions to create a shared understanding of the fundamental values underlying public life
- Much greater religion and belief literacy is needed in every section of society, and at all levels.

- The pluralist character of modern society should be reflected in national and civic events
- All pupils in state-funded schools should have a statutory entitlement to a curriculum about religion, philosophy and ethics
- Bodies responsible for admissions and employment policies in schools with a religious character ('faith schools') should take measures to reduce selection of pupils and staff on grounds of religion.
- The BBC Charter renewal should mandate the Corporation to reflect the range of religion and belief of modern society
- A panel of experts on religion and belief should be established
- Relevant public bodies and voluntary organisations should promote opportunities for interreligious and inter-worldview encounter and dialogue.
- Where a religious organisation is best placed to deliver a social good, it should not be disadvantaged.
- The Ministry of Justice should issue guidance on compliance with UK standards of gender equality and judicial independence by religious and cultural tribunals such as ecclesiastical courts, Beit Din and Shari'a councils.
- The Ministry of Justice should instruct the Law Commission to review the anomalies in how the legal definitions of race, ethnicity and religion interact in practice and make recommendations to ensure all religious traditions are treated equally.
- In framing counter-terrorism legislation, the Government should seek to promote, not limit, freedom of enquiry, speech and expression, and should engage with a wide range of affected groups, including those with which it disagrees.

www.woolf.cam.ac.uk/uploads/Living%20with%20Difference.pdf

The Baroness made it clear that she was not an Educationalist or an RE specialist. She was simply responsible for chairing the commission

Professor Adam Dinham is Professor of Faith and Public Policy at Goldsmiths, University of London. He is also Chair of the British Sociological Association Sociology of Religion Study Group (Socrel), Professor of Religious Literacy, Diakonhjemmet University College, Oslo, Norway and Honorary Stephenson Professor of Leadership, Religion & Society, Sheffield Institute for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies, Sheffield University, UK. With Martha Shaw, Professor Dinham is the co-author of RE for REal: The future of teaching and learning about belief.

The report makes 10 key recommendations.

Culham St Gabriel's welcomes these and encourages the RE world to fully

engage with them and the wider findings of the report in discussions about the future of RE.

The recommendations are:

- A statutory National Framework for Religion and Belief Learning should be developed, and be applicable to all schools, balancing shared national approaches with school level determination.
- Since SACREs currently play a leading part in religion and belief learning, there is an urgent need for review of their role, and the role of others, such as professional bodies and experts, in the forming of learning. This should inform and result in the appointment of a national panel to develop the framework.
- The National Framework panel should be mandated to consider and make recommendations about the purpose, content and structures of teaching and learning, and about the relationship between learning inside RE, outside in other subjects, and in the wider life of schools, especially in relation to the Act of Worship requirement, and to the right to withdraw.
- Religion and belief learning should be a compulsory part of the curriculum to age 16, and consideration should be given to what, if anything, happens in post-16 learning.
- Content should reflect the real religious landscape, as revealed by cutting edge theory and data in the study of contemporary religion and belief.
- The process of producing a National Framework for Religion and Belief Learning should determine the mix, content and location of religion and belief learning specific to RE, and that which takes place in a distributed way in learning outside of RE.
- GCSE Religious Studies should remain as an optional subject for schools, and consideration should be given to reframing its content to demarcate the boundary between academic study of the real religious landscape, and other religion and belief learning associated with personal, spiritual and social learning.
- There should be continued investment in Initial Teacher Training for subject specialist RE teachers.
- There should be increased investment in continuing professional development for non-specialist teachers of religion and belief.
- The process of producing a National Framework should include a review and decision on the name or names of religion and belief learning in schools.

http://www.gold.ac.uk/media/goldsmiths/169-images/departments/research-units/faiths-unit/REforREal-web-b.pdf.

NB The conference speeches are on the NASACRE website. If you are unable to access this please contact either myself and we can send you the materials

lilian.weatherley@gmail.com or Julie.Stevens@eastsussex.gov.uk

OBE for Deborah Weston

The RE world is thrilled and delighted to learn that Deborah Weston has been awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to Religious

Education, inter and intra-faith dialogue. We send Deborah our congratulations and good wishes.

Local News

Faith Guidance

This piece of work was commissioned by Brighton and Hove but in exchange for the East Sussex materials on assessment, has been adapted for use by East Sussex schools.

As soon as the materials are on disc they will be circulated to all schools. We hope you will find them a very useful resource.

Assessment

The new primary support materials for assessment are almost complete. They will be put on disc and hopefully ready to be circulated to schools by the end of term

Future Training

22nd June am SMSC and British Values

Joint East Sussex and Brighton and Hove training Dean's Place.

Date for your Diary

East Sussex Annual conference will take place on **November 17**th **2016**Our key note speaker will be Martha Shaw co-author of the RE for REal report on Religion and Belief.
(see above)



Agenda Item 4

SACRE Budget - Planned /actual expenditure and income as at 22.06.16

Planned (expenditure		Actual expenditure	
Courses -	projected costs			
	Assessment with out levels	500.00		539.92
	Conference (inc external consultant fees) 5,000	5,000.00		
	British Values	500.00		
	Being a RE Subject leaders	500.00		
	Syllabus meeting venue	1,000.00		
	NASACRE subscription	100.00		100.00
	Room hire for SACRE	400.00		
	Catering for meetings	100.00		42.00
	NASACRE conference	100.00		100.00
Consulta	nt fees_			
	Assessment with out levels	425.00		637.50
	Conference (inc external consultant fees)	850.00		
	British Values	425.00		
	Being a RE Subject leaders	850.00		
	Schools visits (8days)	3,400.00		425.00
	Supporting SACRE - general work (7 days)	2,975.00		425.00
	NASCRE conference	425.00		454.75
New agre	eed syllabus			
	Developing and implementing new agreed syllabus consultant	3,400.00		212.50
	Supply cover for schools	1,600.00		800.00
	Printing for new syllabus/assessment without levels	2,000.00		
<u>Other</u>	Attendance at national Christianity conference	420.00		420.00
	Planned expentiture Total	24,970.00	Actual expenditure	4,156.67

Projected budget/income	
Budget from SLES	12000
Assessment with out levels	1,750.00
Conference	7,000.00
British Values	1,750.00
Being a RE Subject leaders	3,500.00
Projected income	26,000.00

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SACRE MEETING DATES 2017

22nd February 2017 Chairman's Function Room, Westfield House, County Hall, Lewes

Tea & Coffee will be served on arrival from 1:45pm. The AGM will start at 2:00pm and the Business meeting will follow

14th June 2017 Chairman's Function Room, Westfield House, County Hall, Lewes

Tea & Coffee will be served on arrival from 1:45pm. The meeting will start at 2:00pm.

15th November 2017 – venue tbc

Tea & Coffee will be served on arrival from 1:45pm. The meeting will start at 2:00pm.

