

# East Sussex SACRE

## Notes of the meeting

**Date:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 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, Dr Norman Williamson, Mr Mike Rundle, Mr Lewis Hall, Ms Kelly Dillon

**Also present:** Alastair Robertson (Humanist Observer), Lilian Weatherley (Advisor to SACRE), Julie Dougill (LA Advisor), Julie Stevens (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Dr Tariq Rajbee, Mrs Pamela Hartog, Ms Jenni Osborn, Mrs Rosemary Roberts, Rev Derek Bastide, Ms Laura Cooper, Ms Becky Gough, Ms Sarah Feist

Item	Title	Action
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>  <i>Cllr Galley</i></p> <p>Cllr Galley welcomed all those present at the meeting. A special welcome was given to Kelly Dillon who is a new member of SACRE representing the Church of England replacing Mr Martin Lloyd. Cllr Galley also mentioned we have another new member Sarah Feist who will be replacing Mr Peter Ward from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton but unfortunately Sarah could not attend the meeting today.</p> <p>Thanks to Peter Ward and Martin Lloyd for their time and commitment to SACRE were noted. All apologies were noted.</p> <p>Cllr Galley also welcomed Alastair Robertson to the meeting as an observer from the Humanist Society.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were announced.</p>	
2	<p><b>Reflection</b></p> <p>No-one had volunteered to do the reflection therefore Cllr Galley asked Kelly Dillon to give the SACRE group some background to her career.</p> <p>Kelly is a Primary RE Adviser for the Diocese and was previously an Assistant Headteacher at a school in Westminster.</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 &amp; Matters Arising</b>  <i>Cllr Galley</i></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as accurate.            All matters arising had either been dealt with or will be covered on the agenda.</p> <p>Peter White raised one point regarding 1.5 – the Brighton &amp; Hove document to be circulated to SACRE members. LW and JD advised that the document is in the final stages of edit and will be circulated to SACRE once complete.</p>	JD/LW

<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Update on RE Syllabus conference</b>  <i>Lilian Weatherley/Julie Dougill</i></p> <p>A meeting had been held on 19<sup>th</sup> April at County Hall with primary and secondary level teachers. It was agreed at the meeting that the syllabus would not be re-written but certain areas revised. For example, remove any reference to levels as these are no longer relevant.</p> <p>LW is in the process of making the amendments to the document and the syllabus will be ready for review by SACRE for the November meeting.</p> <p>The syllabus group will meet once more to agree the changes made before this is presented to SACRE.</p> <p>LW confirmed to Alastair Robertson that Humanism is included within the East Sussex syllabus as this is linked to the non-statutory framework.</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b></p> <p><b>5.2</b></p>	<p><b>School visits update</b>  <i>Cllr Galley/Clerk</i></p> <p>Cllr Galley and Rosemary Roberts had a successful visit to St Richard’s Catholic College on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Other visits were yet to take place as some of the dates had been changed or cancelled.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange a new date with Priory, Chailey and Claverham schools.</p> <p>Clerk to contact SACRE members to advise of dates for the school visits once dates for September and October were in place.</p> <p>The clerk confirmed that a questionnaire will be sent to the schools shortly before the date of their visit, this is to be completed during the visit.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Budget update</b>  <i>Julie Dougill</i></p> <p>A breakdown of the SACRE budget showing planned expenditure and actual expenditure was circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>JD confirmed that the budget is looking healthy as we have received an extra £12,000 for this financial year for work being done on the revision of the RE syllabus.</p> <p>SACRE members said it would be useful to receive the presentation on British Values that LW uses at her training sessions with the schools. LW to circulate this to SACRE. It would also be useful for SACRE members to be included in the distribution list for training dates. JD to look into this.</p>	<p><b>LW</b>  <b>JD</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>RE View &amp; current issues for SACRE</b>  <i>Lilian Weatherley</i></p> <p>Clerk to circulate the REView to all schools.</p> <p><u>NASACRE conference</u>  LW advised SACRE to listen to the speakers from the conference, the links are provided in the REView. Adam Dinham’s speech in particular is very interesting.</p> <p><u>Key issues for SACRE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National syllabus or non-statutory framework to be introduced</li> </ul>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

	<p>- Non-religious views coming into religious education</p> <p>Debate followed around these two issues and to summarise it was agreed that SACRE is open to non-religious views and that a national syllabus may be acceptable to SACRE.</p> <p>It was agreed that when the terms of reference for an independent Commission on RE have been agreed, SACRE will put a submission forward to the Commission.</p> <p>LW reminded SACRE that the ruling on collective worship needs to be discussed within SACRE at a later date. Collective worship is a statutory requirement in all schools. Clerk to add this to future agenda.</p>	<p><b>Cllr G/ LW</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><u>Deborah Weston emails of April 2016 re Priory School</u> Deborah Weston is Head of NATRE and wanted to make East Sussex SACRE aware that NATRE intend to take Priory school as an example to the Government as a school which is not meeting its statutory requirements with RE.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Galley will respond to Deborah Weston to advise her that East Sussex SACRE has been very concerned about Priory School and did have a date set for a visit to the school for the end of June. This date has now been cancelled as the time offered by the school was not convenient for SACRE members. It was therefore decided that SACRE members would re-arrange the visit to September.</p> <p><u>RE Conference</u> The date of this year's conference is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The key note speaker is to be Martha Shaw who is the co-author of RE for Real report on Religion and Belief. Further details will be released when the venue has been confirmed.</p> <p><u>Meeting dates for 2017</u> The following dates have been set for SACRE meetings next year: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017</p> <p>It was agreed that at least one of the meetings during the year be held at a school within the county if possible. Kelly Dillon advised she will contact the Head teacher at St Leonards CEP Academy with regards SACRE holding the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 there.</p>	<p><b>Cllr G</b></p> <p><b>KD</b></p>
	<p><b>Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016</b></p> <p><b>Venue: St Leonard's CE Primary Academy TN38 0NX - 1.30pm start</b></p>	