

**PCHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES**  
**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**15 February 2017**  
**5:30pm-7:00pm**

**The Sheffield Cathedral, Church Street, Sheffield, S1**

**MINUTES**

**Chair: Pam Smith**

**Attendees:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Faith/Organisation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Faith/Organisation</b>
Dr Vithal Patel	Hindu	Cllr. Cliff Woodcraft	Liberal Democrat
Barbara Bergman	Jewish	Mike Granville	Sheffield Humanities
Greg Nettleship	Mormon	and BHA	
Helen Sheehan	Sheffield Hallam University	Paul Billingham	Baptist Church
Judith Pyatt	VOICE	Kay Mbewe	Victory Assembly
Lisa McCalla	Secondary Teacher - Newfield	Alison Dallman	ATL
Heather Bower	Secondary Teacher –	Debbie Royles	Clerk
Margaret Langrish	Church of England		

<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	<p><b>Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Jayne Ludlam, Stephen Betts and Zanib Mushtaq.</p> <p>Pam Smith gave thanks to Alison Dallman for the very informative tour of the Sheffield Cathedral.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising – 16 November 2016</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 November 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record with the exception of the following corrections:</p> <p><b>Item 1 – Introduction</b></p> <p>Lisa McCalla and Heather Bower are both teachers of RE (Secondary) and would be representing Committee C.</p>	

	<p><b>Item 3 – Religious literacy for schools and young people</b> BB felt that support and advice, around the Prevent Strategy, should be provided by the Muslim community in co-operation with Government and Local Council strategies.</p> <p><b>Item 7 – Local and national news</b> Support provided with an audit to determine if the school’s RE scheme of work, for years 7-14, covered the requirement of at least 51% Christianity.</p> <p>Learn Sheffield are funding subject networks across the city, including RE. Some funding from Hallam University has been secured for Helen’s time. ML asked if an application for further funding could be submitted.</p> <p><b>Agreed Action:</b> <b>PS/SB will discuss funding with Jayne Ludlam.</b></p> <p>It was acknowledged that the work being undertaken by SACRE members is on a voluntary basis.</p> <p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p><b>Item 2 – Membership (matters arising)</b></p> <p>Helen Sheehan is waiting to hear from a colleague regarding the possibility of a local vicar joining the membership of SACRE. PS confirmed that Philip Patterson has taken over from John Cape and advised that a meeting is due to be scheduled with Philip. PS also confirmed that Hugh Thomas is still a member of SACRE.</p> <p><b>Item 3 – Religious literacy for schools and young people</b></p> <p>Helen Sheehan informed SACRE members that both Primary and Secondary Conferences have been held.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the SACRE website is linked to Learn Sheffield.</p> <p><b>Item 5 – RE Data and Analysis Report</b></p> <p>Helen Sheehan has met with Stephen Betts and Alison Dallman regarding the questionnaire for circulation to schools.</p>	<p>PS/SB</p>
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	<p><b>Item 6 – Guidance: Sexual and gender identity</b></p> <p><b>Agreed Action:</b>  <b>Guidance is to be included in the SACRE Development Plan later in the year.</b></p> <p><b>Item 7 - Local and national news</b></p> <p>PB questioned how advice and support to schools is funded. PS advised that there is no local authority budget allocated for SACRE. Income is being generated from other sources such as the Primary and Secondary Conferences. The funding raised will be utilised for support going forward.</p> <p><b>Item 8 – Any other business</b></p> <p>PS has raised the issue of non-attendance at the Synagogue with the Headteacher at St Catherine’s and an apology was sent to BB via PS.</p>	AD
3.	<p>Update from Networks and Primary Conference</p> <p>HS informed members that Lat Blaylock led the SACRE conferences with 16 attendees from the Secondary phase and 32 attendees from the Primary phase.</p> <p>HS reported that £1500 was raised from the SACRE Conferences. From the money raised, £750 will be contributed to SACRE for the Primary RE network.</p> <p>An Autumn term RE network was held for the Primary phase. Due to advertising not stipulating that this was intended for the Primary phase, the meeting was undertaken with both Primary and Secondary colleagues.</p> <p>HS has spoken to Learn Sheffield regarding this. A decision has been taken for future, that two separate meetings will be held at the same date/time and venue with part of the meetings allocated to a joint cross phase meeting.</p> <p>The next RE network meetings will be held on 9 March 2017 at Forge Valley school.</p> <p>Colleagues at Hallam University are trying to identify a Primary colleague to help facilitate the Primary event. It is likely that the meeting on 9 March will be facilitated by Alison Dallman and other SACRE members.</p> <p>HS reported that the recognised Quality Mark is a very expensive</p>	

	<p>award for schools to finance and can be awarded at a bronze, silver and gold level. Research has indicated that at least two Secondary schools are interested. SACRE are considering match funding this. AD advised that schools can undertake the on line audit beforehand.</p> <p>JP commented that Primary colleagues may not feel sufficiently experienced to be involved in the Primary assessment for Quality Mark. SACRE members discussed how this could be facilitated. PS suggested that the Diocesan representatives may be able to assist in this area.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that RE is often the last subject to be allocated in schools or that allocation may be given to a HLTA for example.</p> <p>The Chair gave an update from Stephen Betts who was unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>PB clarified that the administration of the Secondary network is now funded via Learn Sheffield. PS confirmed that there are no longer any colleagues in the LA who have responsibility and budget for RE.</p> <p>PS advised that this will continue to be pursued with Jayne Ludlam and advised that Learn Sheffield are an important part of supporting school improvement in light of reduced LA resources. PB expressed that there is a lot of goodwill extended from SACRE members.</p>	
4.	<p>SYFIG: Sheffield Cathedral Sing! Project</p> <p>AD advised that the strategy from 2014-15 is still being undertaken in conjunction with a number of schools and gave a brief overview of the project. Alison asked if the Cathedral or a local school could be utilised to showcase this event.</p> <p><b>Agreed Action:</b>  <b>AD will contact Michael Tinker who previously worked on the SYFIG Project.</b></p>	AD
5.	<p>Draft SACRE Development Plan</p> <p>SACRE members referred to the draft SACRE Development Plan prepared by AD.</p> <p>Element 2 - Establishment of community resources</p> <p>AD reported that the development of resources will be shared between schools who currently exhibit good practice. A discussion took place about how to host this on line and the links to Learn Sheffield.</p>	

	<p>The Chair reported that the e-Learning Service may become part of Learn Sheffield later in the academic year and may be able to support the development of the on line elements.</p> <p>AD commented that a SACRE meeting hosted at a Primary School would be welcomed. HS suggested that this be explored at the next Primary RE network meeting.</p> <p><b>Agreed Action:</b>  <b>GN proposed that the point about the Stonewall document be added the Development Plan as part of element 3.</b></p>	AD
6.	<p>Draft SACRE Annual Report</p> <p>AD reported that she had met with ZM to compile the SACRE Annual Report. A brief overview of the report was given to SACRE members.</p> <p>PB asked about results at AS level that were not included in the report.</p> <p><b>Agreed Action:</b>  <b>PS/ZM to follow up with the LA Performance and Analysis Team (PAS).</b></p>	PS/ZM
7.	<p>Local and National Updates:</p> <p>HS gave the following updates.</p> <p><b>Local</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue with Primary and Secondary Conferences.</li> <li>• Determine the agenda via the RE network meetings.</li> <li>• Learn Sheffield will assume risk and split profit with SACRE.</li> <li>• There is anxiety, amongst professionals, regarding subject knowledge for the new GCSE syllabus.</li> </ul> <p>SB has advised that Learn Sheffield could put the new GCSE syllabus out as a commission if SACRE members are in agreement. The content of this will need to be determined. This would be advertised regionally and is anticipated to receive interest.</p> <p>PS commented that local authorities are utilising this type of networking method to share resources and knowledge.</p>	

### **Local RE Hubs**

HS reported that in the absence of LA advisors, local RE Hubs are being facilitated regionally. For the South Yorkshire region this is being led by Rotherham.

The South Yorkshire RE Hub Conference for both Primary and Secondary phases has been scheduled for 14 March 2017. This has been marketed by HS to all Sheffield schools.

PS commented that Learn Sheffield are the key contact for communication of such events.

It was agreed that network meetings will be held with members of the South Yorkshire Hub for both Primary and Secondary phases.

### **Rotherham REward initiative**

HS gave a brief overview of the REward initiative where nominations are made by schools for teachers or RE teams.

HS has been asked if this could become a South Yorkshire event with cost implications for the venue/buffet approximately £350. SB has suggested that this money may be available from the local authority if discussed with Jayne Ludlam. SACRE members discussed that invitations could be extended to local Counsellors etc.

SACRE Members were in agreement to the above proposal.

Rotherham have proposed a joint SACRE meeting annually. It would need to be confirmed if this would be one of the three scheduled SACRE meetings or if this would be an additional meeting.

GN commented that if Sheffield SACRE are discussing matters related to the South Yorkshire Hub, that it makes sense for a joint meeting to be undertaken.

HB commented that a sub-committee could be formed for the additional meeting.

PB proposed that an annual SACRE event/ lecture be facilitated. AD commented that she would like this to be a celebration of student achievements. HS commented that this could be facilitated as part of the REward initiative.

	<p><b>Agreed Action:</b> <b>HS to gather more information.</b></p> <p><b>National</b> AD reported that information around the RE professional development portal and survey regarding RE delivery will be uploaded to the Learn Sheffield website.</p> <p>AD requested one or two volunteers to attend the NASACRE Conference in York on 16 May 2017. The cost is £100 per delegate. AD nominated HS who advised that she is willing to attend if other SACRE members do not express an interest.</p> <p><b>Agreed Action:</b> <b>PS to confirm if the local authority could finance two places at the NASACRE Conference.</b> <b>AD to forward information about the NASACRE Conference to SACRE members.</b></p>	<p>HS</p> <p>PS AD</p>
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>HB gave a brief overview of the NATRE National Conference that she had attended in London where there were 240 attendees.</p> <p>SACRE members agreed that if contributions to finance could be made available then the NATRE National Conference could potentially be attracted to the Midlands or Northern region.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 18.50</p>	
9	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm Venue: Learn Sheffield Lees Hall Road S8 9JP</p>	

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