

**THE LEICESTERSHIRE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**(SACRE)**  
**10/03/2022**  
**Microsoft Teams**

Tina Newton (Group C) – in the Chair

<b>GROUP A</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>	<b>GROUP C</b>
Marjorie Epton		<b>Tina Newton</b>
	Amanda Mackenzie	Natasha Boyce
		Samuel Brooks
		Christine Moody
	<b>GROUP D</b>	
<b>CO-OPTED</b>	<b>LA OFFICERS</b>	<b>OBSERVERS</b>
John Catts	Francine Foster	
	Rachel Condon	

Item		Action
1.	<b>Welcome</b>	
2.	<b>Apologies</b> Amrat Bava Louise Richardson Neelofar Shaikh Debbie Yeomans Denise Hardy Adele Hillier	
3.	<b>Membership Vacancies and new Members.</b>  2 vacancies in Group B . Chair felt that vacancies should be filled by a representative from the Diocese. Would email and see if anybody would like to service in Group B	TN
4.	<b>Minutes from last meeting – Matters arising</b>  No matters arising	TN
5	<b>National Update-</b> No update to share	TN

6.	<p><b>Ofsted Inspections ,Syllabus Launch and Training</b></p> <p>RE is now a focus of Ofsted Inspections. It was raised that SACRE isn't in a position to do much with Academies as they don't have to adopt the Syllabus, JC continued that there didn't seem to be anything on the school websites he had looked at about the RE teaching at all. There were recommendations made at the RE Council in 2018 which the Government have not acted on. JC suggested writing to the Secretary of State as if Ofsted are becoming more critical then the set up needs reforming. The whole situation is confusing and it is difficult for schools to meet the criteria. It was pointed out that any weakness in the curriculum gives an RI grading from Ofsted so not toothless. Chair to write a letter on behalf of SACRE.</p> <p>It was suggested that SACRE could alert schools to the emphasis on RE within the Ofsted inspections via the Headteacher Briefing which goes out to all Leicestershire Schools. Chair to draft and send to Francine Foster.</p> <p>Chair received an email from a teacher wanting to do the training but had missed it and the launch. There is recorded training and they should get in touch with the Diocese office. There is a cost attached.</p> <p>Feedback from the training has been positive - people saying it was a really useful starting point for them getting ready for teaching in September a brilliant day. really informative and great to see how the knowledge builds A further session to be held on Monday the 21st of February. And when I last spoke to her, there were twenty booked on for that.</p> <p>There is a Q&amp;A session planned.</p> <p>Most of the Primary schools have attended training, YM-M asked AM and DY to contact secondary schools to encourage them to look at the training and the new syllabus. There has been a lot of conversations with schools. Especially if in preparation for Ofsted.</p> <p>There is a summary of the Syllabus on the public facing of the LCC website and details of how to access the full syllabus from the Diocese.</p>	<p>TN</p> <p>TN</p>
7.	<p><b>Website</b></p> <p>TN to put on the contacts for visits to centres of worship. Asked if there was anymore to go on. ME said that she would find out and send contacts through. This was actioned 07/04/2022.</p> <p>Chair suggested that sessions could be set up via Zoom from different centres as it reduces the need for an actual visit and the cost for schools .</p> <p>It was pointed out hat on the website the membership list was out of date. Chair requested new up to date list from Clerk. Actioned 18/03/2022</p>	<p>RC</p> <p>RC</p>

7.	<p><b>Budget Update</b></p> <p>None available</p>	
8.	<p><b>Determinations Received (standard item)</b></p> <p>No determinations received. John Catt that while SACRE is approaching schools regarding Ofsted that the subject of determinations should also be raised as certain most of the schools in the county should be actually submitting determinations and if Ofsted are starting to look at whether the rules are being enforced, they should be checking to see whether there's a determination.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Chair announced that she would be stepping down from SACRE at the next meeting in June. She would come back in September to action the election of the new Chair. Chair feels that it is appropriate for her to step down as she is no longer a headteacher.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Date of Future Meetings:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16<sup>th</sup> June via Teams 4.30</li> <li>• Thursday 6 October 2022</li> <li>• Thursday 9 March 2023</li> <li>• Thursday 15 June 2023</li> </ul>	

Signed

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