

**THE LEICESTERSHIRE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**(SACRE)**

**07/10/2021**

**Via Teams**

Tina Newton (Group C) – in the Chair

Mrs. B. Seaton  
Rachel Condon  
K Mcquillin  
Iain Davidson  
Debbie Yeomans  
Aman Singh  
Francine Foster  
Tina Newton (Chair)  
Amanda McKenzie  
Yolanda Morley-McKay  
Natasha Boyce  
Amrat Bava  
Marjorie Epton  
Mrs. P. Posnett  
John Catt  
Mrs. L. Richardson  
Mr Brooks  
Denise Hardy

Item		Action
1.	<b>Welcome</b>	
2.	<b>Apologies</b> Adele Hillier Karen Mcquillan Samuel Brooks	
3.	<b>Election of officers:</b> <b>Chair;</b> Tina Newton, proposed by Brenda Seaton, unanimous vote <b>Vice-Chair:</b> Amanda Mackenzie, proposed Tina Newton, unanimous vote <b>Treasurer:</b> Debbie Yeomans, unanimous vote <b>Co-Opted Member:</b> John Catt, unanimous vote <b>Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair for all groups</b> <b>Group A;</b> Chair George Ballentyne, Vice Chair, Marjorie Epton <b>Group B;</b> Chair Amanda McKenzie, Vice Chair, Debbie Yeomans <b>Group C;</b> Chair Natasha Boyce; Vice Chair Tina Newton <b>Group D;</b> Chair Mrs Louise Richardson, Vice Chair Mrs Brenda Seaton	

4.	<b>Minutes from last meeting – Matters arising</b> Agreed	
5	Following the election Tina Newton to the Chair of SACRE, thanked the meeting and said she was happy to continue for the next year but would not be standing at the next October meeting. Continuing the election for other positions Chair thanked Yolanda Morley-McKay for being vice -chair for the previous year and said she was a pleasure to work with and SACRE wished her all the best for the future.	
6.	<b>Budget Update:</b> The opening balance was just under £10,000.00. Together with grant from the LA and the training sessions fees that have come in from the Agreed Syllabus Launch the new syllabus costs have been covered and have a balance of about £4,500.00.  Some of this balance will be needed to push forward the Syllabus maybe have a relaunch in January, or at least next September.  Need to be mindful that funds will be needed for the next launch in five years time.	AM
7.	<b>Report of the Launch:</b> Out of the 234 schools,136 did not attend the launch and haven't accessed the training on the agreed syllabus. So suggestions are to have a relaunch in January and then drop ins. Fiona Moss from REToday suggested that some of the practitioners who are SACRE members would perhaps host an informal networking session. Then do a catch up session in September 2022 especially if the trained member of staff has moved on from the school.  Suggest a letter from the SACRE Chair.  There was really good engagement from the schools that were at the launch.  Debbie Yeomans confirmed this and said that she had had very positive feedback and felt that some schools were keen to move on with it fairly quickly.  Amanda McKenzie also said that from a secondary school perspective it went well especially around the introduction of the Syllabus in Key stage 3.  Amrat Bava asked whether there were any plans to involve speakers from other faiths going into schools.  The Chair said that the Syllabus was a multi-faith document and has many	YM-M

	<p>faiths and beliefs included and the children go through these as they go through their education. This is one of the strengths of the Syllabus, that it is multi-faith and also talks about different views of the world.</p> <p>Amrat Bava agreed and said that the Syllabus was open minded.</p> <p>Debbie Yeomans suggested as a way to think about supporting those schools who have been to the training and the launch, to ask teachers at the development days and then have drop in sessions.</p> <p>Amanda McKenzie said she could facilitate a drop in session in conjunction with Fiona Moss.</p> <p>Debbie Yeomans said she was happy to support that from a primary point of view.</p> <p>There will be a cost attached to these drop in sessions of about £300.00. The Chair will get in touch with Fiona Moss and look at some dates.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Development Plan;</b></p> <p>Making sure the website is helpful to people and enable them to find places to visit., different places of worship from different faiths. The Chair asked that any contacts or ideas could be sent to her before the end of next week. Also we would like to put the work of the children on the site, anonymised.</p> <p>JC said that he had given 3 talks over Zoom and teams and that it worked very well. When physical visits become an option we could combine the 2.</p> <p>Debbie Yeomans agreed saying that its really good to engage with faith practitioners over zoom because it is not always affordable to be going out</p>	
9.	<p><b>Determinations Received (standard item)</b></p> <p>None received.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Information regarding places of worship and children's work for the website.</p> <p>Discuss possible drop in Q&amp;A sessions with Fiona Moss.</p>	
11.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Yolanda said that she had enjoyed working with SACRE, with a variety of different colleagues and hearing different voices. She wished to thank SACRE for making her feel so welcome and she hoped that SACRE would be able to meet in person soon.</p>	

	Tina responded and wished Yolanda all the best in the future.	
11.	<b>Date of Future Meetings:-</b> Dates for next meetings – Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	

Signed

Dated