

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL  
FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) HELD ON  
5 OCTOBER 2017 IN THE GUTHLAXTON COMMITTEE ROOM AT  
COUNTY HALL**

**PRESENT**

Tina Newton (Group C) – in the Chair

<b>GROUP A</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>	<b>GROUP C</b>
	Mr Lat Blaylock	
	Amanda Moxon	
Ms Gill Hammond-Evans	Adele Hillier	
Carol Beasley	Yolanda Morley-McKay	
Mr Jasmohan Singh Obhi		
Mr Amrat Bava		
	<b>GROUP D</b>	
	Councillor Jeff Kaufman	
<b>CO-OPTED</b>	<b>LA OFFICERS</b>	<b>OBSERVERS</b>
Mr J Catt	Lisa J Morgan	
	Jo Horton	

Item		Action
1.	<b>Election of Chair of the SACRE</b>  TN welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked members for attending.  TN then handed over to LB, Vice Chair, for election of Chair purposes.  LB proposed TN remain as Chair of SACRE. JK seconded the proposal. TN accepted and expressed her thanks.	
2.	<b>Election of Vice Chair of the SACRE</b>  TN asked for nominations for the Vice Chair of SACRE. TN stated that LB was willing to stand for a further year. JK proposed LB as Chair of SACRE. AH seconded the proposal. LB accepted and expressed his thanks.	
3.	<b>Election of Treasurer</b>  JH stated that AMc was the current Treasurer. AMc's apologies had been received for today's meeting. LB confirmed that he would contact AMc to ask her if she was happy to continue being the Treasurer for SACRE and report back at the next meeting.	LB
4.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>  TN welcomed new members to SACRE – Carol Beasley to Group A and Yolanda Morley-McKay to Group B.  Apologies were received from:  Amanda McKenzie Neelofar Shaikh Christine Moody	

	<p>Councillor O'Shea Councillor Rhodes George M Ballentyne</p> <p>TN confirmed that CM had confirmed with JH that she would be happy to continue as Chair for Group C.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Nomination of Co-opted Members</b></p> <p>TN nominated Co-opted Members to SACRE - JC and LJM. SACRE members agreed with the nomination.</p> <p>TN reported that SACRE's Clerk, JH, would be leaving the group after today's meeting. TN thanked JH for her work with SACRE. JH thanked SACRE and expressed how much she had enjoyed working with the group of the years.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Appointment of Chair/Vice Chair of all Groups</b></p> <p>The following appointments were confirmed:</p> <p>The following appointments were made:</p> <p><u>Group A</u> George Ballentyne – Chair - To be confirmed at the next meeting. Jasmohan Singh Obhi – Vice Chair</p> <p><u>Group B</u> Lat Blaylock – Chair Adele Hillier – Vice Chair</p> <p><u>Group C</u> Christine Moody – Chair Tina Newton – Vice Chair</p> <p><u>Group D</u> Councillor Kaufman – Chair Councillor Rhodes – Vice Chair</p>	TN
7.	<p><b>Membership Vacancies and New Membership</b></p> <p>LB confirmed that he will try to get a member from the NUT to attend future meetings.</p> <p>Neelofar Shaikh was confirmed as a member of Group A moving forwards.</p>	<p>LB</p> <p>TN/Clerk</p>
8.	<p><b>Minutes of meeting held on 15 June 2017</b></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes</b></p> <p>TN and JH confirmed that a letter of thanks had been sent to former SACRE member Councillor P Lewis.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Update from the Website Sub Group</b></p> <p>TN provided an update in that the group had met following the previous meeting. TN gave feedback following a meeting she had held with a website company called Primary Site. The proposal was :</p> <p>Pre-design for website £1,499 (using templates).</p>	

	<p>Created as new £2,000.</p> <p>Annual fees:</p> <p>Silver - £399 – will have access to control and manage.</p> <p>Gold - £599 – will have access to control and manage, resources and on line banking.</p> <p>TN asked SACRE for their comments. LB expressed concern at the cost and felt it was expensive. LB suggested an alternative option of something more low key, for example, a Facebook page.</p> <p>JK also thought it was expensive and made a suggestion that the group compare prices.</p> <p>TN stated that she was happy to look for a cheaper option but that it would mean a member would need to update the site on a regular basis to keep the same updated.</p> <p>JC commented that not everyone would be happy using Facebook.</p> <p>TN confirmed that she happy to go back to the group and discuss a way forward.</p>	TN
11.	<p><b>Updated on the Proposed Development Plan</b></p> <p>LB reported that there was no further draft plan available to circulate at today's meeting and apologised but LB wanted to draw to the group's attention some relevant reports – A research document on RE at KS4 : Executive Summary and Resources report and About the Commissioners. Copies were circulated to the group.</p> <p>LB explained that there is concern generally across all SACRE's in that some schools are not fulfilling the RE requirements.</p> <p>A discussion was held as to why some schools are not complying with the requirement. JC commented that maybe it is because RE is not part of the national curriculum. LJM commented on the legality of RE being taught alongside PE.</p> <p>LB suggested that SCARE write to all schools and academies. AH commented that they may need a letter to explain that they need to teach RE. JC suggested that the legal responsibility lies with Governors.</p> <p>JK referred to a large Jewish area in the City which was not being taught RE.</p> <p>To conclude LB proposed that SACRE can offer support to Leicestershire schools 14-15 in RE. LJM asked SACRE to note that the Governor Service is now a Traded Service so LCC would not have the contact details for all governors only those who buy in. LJM advised SACRE that she would meet with her Assistant Director for Education to discuss a way forward. LB suggested SACRE contact schools in a supportive way. SACRE members agreed.</p>	KJM
12.	<p><b>Budget Update (standard item)</b></p> <p>JK raised an oversight on the account statement regarding the monies held at Brookvale in that there was a greater expenditure over income shown.</p>	

	TN offered to contact Helen Smart at Brookvale. (JH supplied the email address for HS to do so on 6.10.17).	TN
13.	<b>Determinations Received (standard item)</b>  JH confirmed that there had been no Determinations received.	
14.	<b>Any Other Business</b>  TN suggested implementing further a further round of training on the Syllabus aimed at new staff. SACRE members agreed. LJM agreed to investigate the process of how to inform schools/academies and report back.  JC reported on contact received via a parent relating to only Christian education being received and to check the situation regarding voluntary aided schools following the syllabus.	LJM
15.	<b>Date of future meetings :</b>  15 March 2018 – 4.30 pm 7 June 2018 – 4.30 pm 4 October 2018 – <u>4.15 pm</u>	

Signed ..... (Chair)

Dated .....