

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

PRESENT

Tina Newton (Group C) – in the Chair

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C
Mr Amrat Bava	Mr Lat Blaylock	Miss Christine Moody
	Amanda Moxon	Tina Newton
	Amanda McKenzie	
	Ralph Wood	
	GROUP D	
	Councillor Byron Rhodes	
	Councillor Jeff Kaufman	
CO-OPTED	LA OFFICERS	OBSERVERS
Mr J Catt	Lisa Morgan	
	Jo Horton	

Item		Action
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>TN welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies had been received from:</p> <p>Denise Hardy – Group A Karen McQuillin - Group B Adele Hillier – Group B Councillor Peter Lewis – Group D George M Ballentyne – Group A Jasmohan Obhi – Group A</p>	
2.	<p>Membership Vacancies and New Membership</p> <p>LB explained that although several attempts had been made to contact the Trade Union he had still received no reply. LB will continue to pursue.</p> <p>Councillor Rhodes explained that the next meeting of this group will take place after the County Council elections and that different Members may be joining the group. Councillor Rhodes reported that Councillor Lewis intends to stand down.</p> <p>KM entered the meeting at 4.35 pm</p> <p>TN confirmed that she would write a thank you letter to Councillor Lewis.</p>	TN
3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2016</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	

4.	<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <p>JH reported that the Comms Team would be happy to support SACRE with the promotion of good news stories. Comms asked that the same be emailed to them by LM. LB kindly offered to draft a press release.</p> <p>TN updated SACRE in that it had been agreed to transfer the monies held with the Diocese to the account held at Brookvale High School. JH confirmed that she had this in hand and was liaising with both parties.</p> <p>RW updated members of SACRE in that due to a restructure of the Diocese a new post had been created of Assistant Director of Education. This postholder, once in place, will then be part of this group rather than himself. RW confirmed he is now the School Improvement Partner at the Leicester Academy Trust. RW confirmed that he commences in this post from 1 April and then would be happy to continue to support SACRE.</p> <p>RW reported that the Leicester SACRE would like to carry out some joint working with us in the future. RW offered to ensure that JH receives the contact details of Farida Mansoor as a starting point.</p>	LB
5.	<p>SACRE Website Update</p> <p>TN reported that the Working Group had not met since the last meeting. TN stated that she will make contact with the group and report back at the next meeting in June.</p>	TN
6.	<p>Secondary Network Group Report</p> <p>LB reported on the group in AM's absence. Although AM was due to arrive later during the meeting. AM has convened a Secondary RE Teachers Group who met on 29 January. The group is working collaboratively and with pleasing results and what was intended following the syllabus launch.</p> <p>LB asked SACRE to think about how we use the funds following the launch created and that it felt appropriate to offer some of the funds to this group and as previously agreed to contribute to the intended new website.</p> <p>SACRE all agreed to these arrangements and commented on how positive the intentions were.</p>	
7.	<p>Development Plan</p> <p>LB gave an overview of the report he circulated and explained that other SACRE's run to a development plan in order that they have a benchmark for their performance. LB, therefore, asked SACRE should we devise our own development plan with our funds and if carefully managed the same could generate some surpluses. LB asked for comments.</p> <p>JK expressed his keenness around interfaith work.</p> <p>JC pointed out that often teachers do not teach the history of Christianity (at least after 100AD) and look at the different denominations/beliefs/sects within it.</p> <p>AB referred to Loughborough University and the different chapels. AB felt that if more schools used the facilities they would increase their knowledge of</p>	

	<p>different religions ie a school user panel. AB explained that no costs were involved and that it was an act of generosity. LB suggested nominating a school in Loughborough. AM explained that as her school is situated in Quorn she would be happy to host an event as a Pupil Conference. SACRE thought this was an excellent idea and that it should be a celebratory event.</p> <p>CM commented that she felt schools were reluctant to take children out of school due to cost implications. LM commented that LCC have tight financial constraints and could not assist financially but would be happy to assist in other ways. LM stated that Jane Moore is the new Assistant Director for Education and Early Help and has made a very clear message that education is a priority.</p> <p>AM entered the meeting at 5.10 pm.</p> <p>LB commented that this would be very positive for the action plan and offered to draft the same in readiness for the next meeting.</p> <p>RW left the meeting at 5.30 pm.</p> <p>AM reiterated LB's comments about the Secondary Network Group and the positivity around the new syllabus. AM stated that the group would have ideas of how to spend monies.</p>	LB
8.	<p>Budget Update</p> <p>An overview of the accounts were circulated prior to the meeting. All agreed the budget was looking healthy at approximately £9,000.</p>	
9.	<p>Determinations Received</p> <p>JH confirmed that no Determinations were received.</p>	
10.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>JH reported that copies of the evaluation results were available.</p>	
11.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings</p> <p>Thursday 15 June 2017 – 4.30 pm Thursday 5 October 2017 – 4.15 pm</p>	

Signed (Chairman)

Dated