Meeting of the Surrey SACRE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 7th March 2018
Venue: Babcock 4S, Leatherhead, Conference room
Time: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

SURREY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RE (SACRE)

Present: Kay Hammond (Chairman)

Group A: Sarah Harris (Vice Chairman)
          Dr Nabil Mustapha (Group A Chairman)
          Kauser Akhtar
          Allan Taylor
          Kruwan Sookcharoen
          Tony Wenman

Group B: Shaun Burns
         Jane Whittington

Group C: Liz Esdon (Group C Chairman)
          Genevieve Rose
          Rosslyn Doney
          Paula Wright

Group D: Keith Taylor
         Mike Goodman

Co-opted Member: Jennie Johnson

In Attendance: Rachel Boxer (B4S Associate Consultant and Advisor to the SACRE); Mary Suphi Clerk

All papers for the meeting are sent as attachments, named by item number for ease of reference

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| 1. | **Apologies for absence**  
   | Apologies had been received from Inderjeet Singh Rehncy, Rajendra Pandya, Peter Ward, Andy Turnbull, Rachel Milling, Canon Peter Bruinvels, Deborah Drury, Fiona White, Melanie Harris |
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| 2. | **Welcome and introductions**  
   | KH welcomed everyone, asked members to introduce themselves and stated she looked forward to working with everyone. |
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| 3. | **Chairman’s Actions**  
   | KH mentioned the National Conference in Birmingham attended by KH & RB, which will be discussed in Item 8. |
She also reported back on the regional meeting of SE Chairs in Winchester which discussed the training needs of RE teachers and how to maximise opportunities for RE teachers. The next regional meeting will be 12th June 2018.

4. **Minutes of last meeting (11th Oct 2017)**
   
   The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

5. **Matters Arising**

KH felt that only matters that required comment or were on the agenda would be raised. She mentioned that Cllr Fiona White has joined the SACRE committee and will be an active member.

KH also noted that compliance is an area to focus on in the future and further discussions will take place.

All other actions completed.

6. **SACRE Annual Report**

1. KH passed around her introduction to the Annual Report for all to read. She thanked RB for all her work in preparing the Annual Report and asked for observations.

   - KH wanted to include ‘What is SACRE?’ in the Introduction.
   - LW suggested moving statistics about new syllabus to Introduction.
   - MS to send Annual Report to DfE.
   - RB to add that report is sent to DfE, 4S, nominating bodies to SACRE and the websites of 4S and SCC.
   - NM requested that comments from schools should be bigger as it is an expression of interest.

2. KH noted that a further discussion on Causes for Concern was needed as was a debate about the contact with Surrey schools. KH has undertaken to write to all Surrey schools enquiring about the RE syllabus they use and the school’s philosophy on RE education.

3. A discussion occurred about how to hold schools to account if their statutory RE obligations are not taking place.

   RW reported on GCSE data, including academies. It was agreed that while the data was provisional, it was the data available when the report was written and so should stand.

   PW reported on 2 schools that failed Ofsted inspection for not delivering statutory RE and will supply RB with details. PW later reported that Fiona Moss, one of the NATRE officers, had requested that only general details should be shared more widely.

   JJ asked if academies follow LA syllabus, do they have to comply with it? RB to supply document for inclusion with minutes entitled ‘RE and CW in Academies and Free Schools Q&A’.

   While discussing short syllabus in schools, RB requested MS to locate list of SCITT schools. JW noted that the Diocese also has a list.

   RB suggested using GCSE data and school’s websites to determine which
schools may be non-compliant in their duty to provide statutory RE.

Acceptance of Annual Report was proposed by JW and seconded by SH.

MG confirmed he was not stepping down from SACRE.

Having reviewed the Membership list on P9 of the report, it was observed that there was a Diocese of London Vacancy. MS to investigate.

RB noted there was an historic discrepancy between the registers and those who offered apologies to Clerk and requested that members inform the Clerk if they cannot attend a meeting.

TW requested that titles be recorded accurately.

### 7. SACRE membership

1. Andy Turnbull has agreed to become Baptist representative and was voted in by whole council.

2. Training for new members was discussed. It was recommended to be 2 hours in duration, open to all, and current members were most welcome to attend. The most likely time will be immediately prior to the next SACRE meeting, date TBC.

3. TW asked for updated list of email addresses for members. MS to circulate.

4. MS gave brief overview of GDPR, briefing notes attached to minutes. It was agreed that home addresses and personal phone numbers would no longer be held by the Clerk and distributed.

5. MS gave a brief update on safeguarding news, attached to minutes.

6. KH asked for the planned review of the constitution to be an agenda item at next meeting.

7. KH stated that members’ attendance to SACRE needed to be consistent and persistent non-attendance would be viewed negatively.

8. MS to email constitution to all as a pre-read before next meeting.

### 8. RE – the national issues

KH & RB reported back on the AREIAC/NASACRE event they attended on 24/11/17 and specifically the CoRE independent report looking at RE nationally. RB noted that many local issues were mirrored nationally.

It was voted and agreed to support the NASACRE annual subscription increase from £100 to £105. RB has completed the electronic submission form in advance of the NASACRE AGM in May.

### 9. Speaker’s Forum

RB gave very positive feedback about the Speaker’s Forum event at George Abbot school in Nov 17.

KH wanted her thanks recorded for all those who participated.
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<td>RB received an email from Busbridge School praising Raju Pandyr's visit to the school.</td>
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<td>SH spoke about the students who attended Holocaust Memorial Day and will send details to RB.</td>
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<td>10. Monitoring Agreed Syllabus implementation/standards in RE</td>
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<td>1. A number of RE subject leaders didn't attend the implementation training and RB is running an additional session in two weeks.</td>
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<td>2. Actions for 2018-19: it is necessary to communicate with schools about their statutory duty to provide RE.</td>
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<td>3. A notification from Hampshire will be attached to the minutes with dates for upcoming Reading &amp; Research Group meetings.</td>
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<td>4. KH will send letters to schools so that responses can be discussed at next meeting with SACRE’s approval. RB and KH to meet to draft letter 21.3.18.</td>
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<td>5. RB mentioned that Melanie Harris from SCC is keen to see if schools are using syllabus and to conduct supportive visits. KH offered to enquire from schools if they would like a visit in the letter to schools but observed that the schools which would most benefit from the visit may not be the ones that say yes. Focus would be on primary phase.</td>
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<td>11. AOB</td>
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<td>Kingston SACRE awards will be discussed at the next meeting.</td>
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<td>A doodle poll will be sent regarding dates for SACRE meetings in coming year. These will continue to be Wednesdays 2-4pm at Babcock 4S offices. The same doodle poll will also enable members who have joined in the last 2 years to register which date is best for their new member induction training.</td>
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