

Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Monday 4 March 2013 at 10.00 am in Cabinet Room 'A' - County Hall, Preston

Agenda

No. Item

Part 1 (Open to Press and Public)

1. **Apologies for Absence**
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Minutes of the meeting of the QSS on 5 February 2013 attached for information.
5. **Working with the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre**
Presentation by Afrasiab Anwar, Community Faith Co-ordinator, Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre.
6. **Report from the Advanced Skills Teacher (AST)**
Verbal report by Jo Crabtree, AST Primary.
7. **Common Ground - Information from the Pupil Attitude Questionnaire** (Pages 23 - 24)
Information for noting.
8. **Implementation of the SACRE Development Plan** (Pages 25 - 28)
Members are asked to note the update on the Implementation of the Development Plan.
9. **Revision of the SACRE Development Plan** (Pages 29 - 30)
Members are asked to split into groups to discuss developing a new process for updating the Development Plan - with reference to defining the priorities for the next three years.

10. The future of RE in terms of initial Teacher Education

Report by Carrie Mercier, Co-opted member on the SACRE representing the Higher Education Sector.

11. Collective Worship

(Pages 31 - 32)

Consideration of a draft letter to Head Teachers setting out the purpose of Collective Worship visits.

12. Dates for future SACRE meetings

Members are asked to agree the following dates for meetings of SACRE:

Monday 30 September 2013

Monday 25 November 2013

Monday 3 March 2014

Monday 16 June 2014

13. Observers' Contributions

14. Correspondence

15. Any Other Business

16. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the SACRE will be Monday 17 June 2013, to take place 10am, at County Hall, Preston.

Roy Jones
Clerk to the SACRE

County Hall
Preston

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Mr N Anwar, Mr P Baker, Mr A Brennand, Rabbi D Braunold, Ms J Clarke, Ms J Crabtree, CC K Ellard, Mrs S J Greenhow, Ms C Mercier, Mr I Nakhuda, Mrs K Parekh, Mrs H Sage, Mrs E Saunderson, Mrs H Shukla, CC A Thornton and Mrs Y Taylor.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Lancashire SACRE held on 24 September 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. SACRE Membership

Members considered a proposal to fill the vacancy for a co-opted member to represent the secondary sector on a shared basis between two teachers.

It was recognised that this would be beneficial for a number of reasons, including ensuring good attendance and representation, lessening the impact on an individual school, and gaining extra expertise.

On confirmation on the proposal, Joanne Harris was welcomed to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the proposal to co-opt two teachers to share the representation of secondary schools on the SACRE be approved.

6. Collective Worship

Following on from the agreement of the protocol for visits at the last SACRE, consideration was now given to the most appropriate next steps.

It was proposed that schools known to or represented on the SACRE would form the "pilots" to offer a critical friend perspective on the visits.

The Committee noted that Jacquie Clarke had confirmed that her school, Hapton Primary, would be happy to be involved as a pilot school. David Fann also confirmed that Sherwood Primary in Fulwood would also be prepared to be involved.

Ms Busby, Councillor Motala, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Cooper all confirmed that they would be interested in participating in visits as part of the pilot.

It was agreed that visits would be co-ordinated by the Officer to the SACRE.

Mr McMullen invited SACRE members to attend the Christmas service at All Hallows Catholic College in Penwortham on Friday 21 December

RESOLVED: That the proposal to conduct pilot visits by SACRE members to attend Collective Worship in the schools identified be accepted.

7. Lancashire SACRE Development Plan 2011 - 2013

Members were update on progress against the Development Plan.

Priority 1: Standards and Quality of Provision of RE

- On track. It was confirmed that, where RE was identified in any Ofsted inspection report as being an area of concern, this would be reported to the SACRE.

Priority 2: Management of Lancashire SACRE and Partnership with the LA and other Key Stakeholders

- On track. The work of the Youth Voice was noted. In particular, SACRE thanked the schools involved in the Youth Voice work for their vital contribution.

Priority 3: The Effectiveness of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus

- On track. The SACRE discussed the "leading teacher" model, and also the possible opportunities offered by new Teaching Schools. It was agreed that, where possible, SACRE should try to influence these developments to encourage high quality RE. Some concerns were also raised about the number and standard of new teachers of RE in training.

Priority 4: Collective Worship

- Not on track. Whilst the materials were updated and available, it was the case that take up amongst schools is still very low. Efforts would continue to make schools aware.

Priority 5: Contribution of SACRE to the Social and Racial Harmony Agenda

- On track.

RESOLVED: That the Development Plan update be noted.

8. SACRE Annual Report 2011/12

The SACRE considered the draft of the Annual Report. The shorter format with links to the Internet was approved. Comments from SACRE members were welcomed.

It was noted that the reference on the final page to the meeting of the SACRE at the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre should refer to the tenth anniversary of the "Building Bridges" project.

It was confirmed that, when complete, the Annual Report would be sent to RE subject leaders in schools, and that responses would be monitored.

RESOLVED: That the draft Annual Report be approved.

9. RE Quality Mark Update

Members were presented with an update on the RE Quality Mark. It was reported that the programme had moved on quickly, and attention was drawn to the website, www.reqm.org, which presented information on the award, details of successful schools and some general good practice examples of work in RE which could be accessed by all schools.

It was reported that the cost of the accreditation process was £475 – comparable to similar schemes for other subjects – and lasted for 3 years.

RESOLVED: That SACRE take steps to increase awareness of the RE Quality mark and website to schools as appropriate.

10. RE Council RE Subject Review Consultation

SACRE considered the RE Subject Review consultation document issued by the REC. SACRE members discussed the matter in small groups.

In response to the specific questions asked, the SACRE were supportive of the REC and agreed with the statements made.

Members made a number of other more substantive comments, as follows:

- It was felt that there would have been merit in the Expert Panel being less heavily dominated by academics and including more teachers. However, it was noted that teachers were well represented in the list of expert witnesses.
- It was felt that the report lacked the voice of young people, and that this was a significant oversight
- Whilst the SACRE supported recommendation 2, it was felt that there was a danger that this emphasised core knowledge and the simple assimilation of facts and made no mention of the skills and attitudes that could be developed
- Alongside this, it was felt that more could be made of the person centred approach and transformational potential of RE teaching
- Members felt that the recommendations, when read separately from the full report, set out an unfairly negative message about the current position, where there was much excellent practice.
- In some parts of the report – for example sections 3.15 and 3.17, phrases like "too many" and "not enough" were used, and it was felt that this represented value judgements being made, rather than evidence based assessment.
- There was a preference for a few, clear, nationally agreed aims for RE. Whilst the locally determined nature of the curriculum was acknowledged, it would help if there were nationally comparable aims and standards.

- It was felt that current examination board practice on religion, philosophy and ethics was good and well balanced, and that attempts to separate the disciplines were misguided

The views of the SCARE would be collated, shared with all SACRE members, and fed back to the REC. In addition, individual members were encouraged to respond via the website.

11. Report of the Quality and Standards Sub-group

RESOLVED: That the report of the QSS Sub Group be noted.

12. National Update on Religious Education

Attention was drawn to the All Party Parliamentary Group on RE Enquiry on Teachers of RE. A call for evidence had been issued, and members of SACRE were encouraged to respond.

SACRE members were also encouraged to identify and highlight any examples of incidents or comments that could be used to support the aim of increasing the recognition of the importance of RE, for examples, quotes from celebrities in support of RE of which highlight the need for understanding of faiths.

13. Observers' Contributions

Dr Craig asked to record his acknowledgment of the quality and passion of the Lancashire SACRE and its members.

14. Correspondence

The attention of the SACRE was drawn to the Common Ground exhibition currently taking place at the Harris as part of Interfaith week.

The work of the Preston Faith Forum and the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre in delivering a high quality Interfaith Week with many excellent events was recognised.

It was also suggested that an agenda item for the next QSS could consider the Pupil Attitude Questionnaire when looking at the impact of RE.

15. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Lancashire SACRE was noted as Monday 4 March 2013 to take place at County Hall, Preston.

Roy Jones
Assistant County
Secretary

County Hall
Preston

Lancashire SACRE Meeting to be held on 4 March 2013

SACRE Membership

SACRE membership is renewed every four years, coinciding with the County Council election cycle.

The membership of a SACRE is locally determined within a statutory framework, which identifies four "representative groups" to which the County Council must appoint. The four groups are:

- Christian and other religions and denominations which appropriately reflect the principal religious traditions in the area
- The Church of England
- Associations Representing Teachers
- Representatives of the Local Authority

The size and membership of each group is determined locally, but each group, regardless of size, carries one vote in matters which fall to be determined by the SACRE.

The SACRE may also include non-voting co-opted members. Lancashire has chosen to appoint to a further category, "Observers"

The membership of the Lancashire SACRE is set out in the Constitution and Terms of Reference, attached at Appendix A. All appointments, other than for Observers must be formally approved by the Cabinet Member for Children and Schools.

1. Representative Groups

In establishing the various representative groups, Lancashire County Council resolved to seek nominations from a number of "Sponsoring bodies", representing religious or educational organisations. These bodies then put forward the agreed number of nominations for approval. Members may serve more than one term. With the County Council elections in May, It is proposed that we shortly begin the process of writing out to all Sponsoring bodies to request nominations to serve for the forthcoming 4 year term 2013 – 2017.

The current membership of the SACRE is as follows:

Representative Groups		Sponsoring Body	
1	Christian and Other religions and denominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Roman Catholic Church • The Free Churches Group • Islam • Hinduism • Judaism • Sikhism • Buddhism 	3 4 5 2 1 1 1	One nomination each from the Diocese of Lancaster, Diocese of Salford, Liverpool Archdiocese Churches Together in England Lancashire Council of Mosques Two nominations agreed from the five Hindu Societies in Lancashire Board of Deputies of British Jews Guru Nanak Gurdwara Bhatra Singh Sabha Vajravahai Buddhist Centre, Preston
2	The Church of England	5	Three nominations from the Diocese of Blackburn One from the Diocese of Liverpool One from the Diocese of Bradford and Ripon & Leeds
3	Associations Representing Teachers	5	One nomination each from the following associations: NASUWT; NAHT; NUT; ATL; ASCL
4	The Local Authority	5	Lancashire County Council

Census Data

The Education Act 1996 requires that the composition of representative group one – Christian and Other religious denominations – "reflect broadly the proportionate strength of that denomination or religion in the area".

The outturns from the 2011 census are available, and these include an analysis of religious groups in the area. The figures for Lancashire are attached at Appendix B. In considering these statistics it is important to note a number of issues:

- The data is high level – it does not, for example, distinguish between the different denominations or traditions within a religion.
- The question was voluntary, unlike much of the rest of the census
- Smaller faith groups are recorded, but are not included in this analysis.
- The strength of a denomination in an area can only be partially understood by the number of self declared adherents
- The relative significance of faiths nationally and internationally may not be reflected in the figures

2. Co-opted members.

The Lancashire SACRE Constitution allows for the appointment of up to five Co-opted members. Co-opted members can take full part in all debates, but can't participate in any vote.

The Lancashire SACRE has chosen to appoint representatives from school and educational backgrounds to these posts, with one representative from each of the following groups:

- Lancashire Association of School Governing Bodies
- National Association of Teachers of RE
- Higher Education Sector
- Teachers in the Secondary Sector
- Teachers in the Primary Sector

3. Observers

The Lancashire SACRE currently includes three Observers, representing Paganism, Baha'i and the Society of Friends (Quakers). The Observers have full speaking rights at committee, but cannot participate in any vote.

Recommendations

That the SACRE:

- i. notes the current membership and process for membership renewal
- ii. comments as appropriate on any membership issues

**Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education -
Constitution and Terms of Reference**

1. Construction

In this document, unless the context otherwise requires:-

"The Act" means the Education Act 1996:

"The Authority" means Lancashire County Council:

"SACRE" means the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education required to be established in accordance with Section 390 of the Education Act 1996.

"Representative Group" means one of the four statutory representative groups required to be included on the SACRE by Section 390 of the Education act 1996.

2. Composition of SACRE

The SACRE shall include representatives of the following groups:

(a) *Representative Groups*

As required by Section 390 of the Act the SACRE is to include four representative groups as follows:-

- (i) Christian and other religious denominations which appropriately reflect the principal religious traditions in the area:

The Roman Catholic Church	3 representatives
The Free Church Federal Council	4 representatives
Islam	5 representatives
Hinduism	2 representatives
Judaism	1 representative
Sikhs	1 representative
Buddhism	1 representative

- (ii) The Church of England 5 representatives
- (iii) Associations representing teachers 5 representatives
- (iv) The Authority 5 representatives

(b) *Co-opted Members*

The representative groups on the SACRE may appoint a further five co-opted members.

The SACRE may make recommendations to the Authority in respect of its composition.

3. **Terms of Reference**

The SACRE shall have the following functions:-

- (a) To advise the Authority upon such matters connected with the religious worship in community schools or in foundation schools which (within the meaning of Part II of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) do not have a religious character and the religious education to be given in accordance with an agreed (or other syllabus in accordance with Schedule 19 to that Act) as the Authority may refer to the SACRE or as the SACRE may see fit.
- (b) The matters referred to in (a) above include in particular methods of teaching, the choice of materials and the provision of training for teachers.
- (c) The SACRE shall each year publish a report with respect to the exercise of their functions. The report shall in particular:-
 - (i) Specify any matters in respect of which the SACRE have given advice to the Authority;
 - (ii) Broadly describe the nature of the advice given;
 - (iii) Where any such matter was not referred to the SACRE by the Authority, give the SACRE's reasons for offering advice on that matter.
- (d) To require the Authority (on a vote of the representative groups representing the Church of England, other denominations and teachers' associations) to review the agreed syllabus by convening a statutory conference in accordance with the provisions of Para 3, Schedule 31 to the Education Act 1996.

- (e) In accordance with Section 394 of the Act to consider applications made by the headteacher of any community school maintained by the authority or any foundation school which has not been designated under Section 69(3) of Schedule 20 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as having a religious character, whether it is appropriate for the requirement for Christian collective worship to apply in the case of the school or in the case of any class or description of pupils at the school. Such applications to be made by the headteacher after consultation with the governing body.

4. Term of Office

- (a) Subject to sub-paragraph (c) below, each member of the SACRE shall hold office for a term of four years.
- (b) A member of the SACRE shall be eligible to be re-appointed for a further term.
- (c) The Authority may from time to time review the constitution and composition of the SACRE and any person appointed to the representative groups may be removed by the Authority.
- (d) A person appointed as a co-opted member may be removed by the SACRE.
- (e) A member of the SACRE may at any time resign his/her office.
- (f) On resignation or removal by the Authority, an appointed person shall be replaced by the Authority for the remainder of the term of office by another member.

5. Chairmanship

The representative groups on the SACRE shall each year, normally at their annual meeting, elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from amongst the membership of the representative groups. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman will take the chair and in the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman a Chairman will be elected for the meeting from amongst the members of the representative groups. The Chairman of the meeting shall not be entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

6. **Meetings**

The SACRE shall hold at least one meeting per year at which the annual report shall be agreed.

7. **Quorum**

The Quorum for meetings of the SACRE shall be eight members provided that these shall include at least one member from each of the four statutory representative groups.

8. **Voting**

- (a) Subject to paragraph (b) below, on any question to be decided by the SACRE, only the representative groups shall be entitled to vote and each group shall have a single vote.
- (b) For the purpose of voting, each representative group will elect a spokesperson at each meeting.
- (c) In the event of a formal vote being taken, votes will be cast by the nominated spokesperson for each group. Arrangements will be made for each group to consider how its vote should be cast. The meeting shall, if necessary, agree a time limit for this purpose.
- (d) The single vote of each representative group shall be cast on the basis of the simple majority view within each such group. A tied vote within a group shall be treated as an abstention by that group.

9. **Officers**

- (a) The Clerk to the SACRE shall be the Head of Democratic Services or his/her representative.
- (b) The Director of Children and Young People shall be entitled to attend, or be represented by members of his/her staff at any meetings of the SACRE or any meetings of sub-groups or working parties established by the SACRE.

Table 1 : Census 2011 – Religion by number

Area	Population	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other	No religion	Not stated
Burnley	87,059	55,399	192	175	14	8,580	33	236	17,178	5,252
Chorley	107,155	80,732	275	196	45	1,130	18	337	18,418	6,004
Fylde	75,757	55,843	196	175	322	350	39	228	13,870	4,734
Hyndburn	80,734	53,602	162	70	7	8,336	38	249	13,700	4,570
Lancaster	138,375	91,124	540	446	119	1,767	100	658	33,833	9,788
Pendle	89,452	48,043	224	91	36	15,579	9	334	19,573	5,563
Preston	140,202	85,518	385	3,338	60	15,769	930	428	25,754	8,020
Ribble Valley	57,132	44,627	88	99	10	425	41	139	8,299	3,404
Rosendale	67,982	43,392	163	96	67	2,613	9	231	17,095	4,316
South Ribble	109,057	82,547	206	556	48	592	75	284	18,487	6,262
West Lancashire	110,685	84,337	141	229	62	276	87	216	19,029	6,308
Wyre	107,749	80,346	220	161	69	305	25	342	19,210	7,071
Lancashire	1,171,339	805,510	2,792	5,632	859	55,722	1,404	3,682	224,446	71,292

Table 2 : Census 2011 – Religion by %

Area	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other	No religion	Not Stated
Burnley	63.6	0.2	0.2	0.0	9.9	0.0	0.3	19.7	6.0
Chorley	75.3	0.3	0.2	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.3	17.2	5.6
Fylde	73.7	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.3	18.3	6.2
Hyndburn	66.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	10.3	0.0	0.3	17.0	5.7
Lancaster	65.9	0.4	0.3	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.5	24.5	7.1
Pendle	53.7	0.3	0.1	0.0	17.4	0.0	0.4	21.9	6.2
Preston	61.0	0.3	2.4	0.0	11.2	0.7	0.3	18.4	5.7
Ribble Valley	78.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.2	14.5	6.0
Rossendale	63.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	3.8	0.0	0.3	25.1	6.3
South Ribble	75.7	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.3	17.0	5.7
West Lancashire	76.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	17.2	5.7
Wyre	74.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	17.8	6.6
Lancashire	68.8	0.2	0.5	0.1	4.8	0.1	0.3	19.2	6.0
North West	67.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	5.1	0.1	0.3	19.8	6.2
England and Wales	59.3	0.4	1.5	0.5	4.8	0.8	0.4	25.1	7.2

Agenda Item 4

Lancashire SACRE Meeting to be held on 4 March 2013

Lancashire SACRE - Quality and Standards Sub-group Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5 February 2013 at 10.00 am in Cabinet Room 'D' - County Hall, Preston

Present

Mr P Martin
Dr M Craig
CC P Malpas
CC Y Motala
Mr I Nakhuda
Mrs H Sage
Mrs J Sawyer
Mr F Williams
Helen Harrison

Representing

ASCL (Chair)
Baha'i Faith (Observer)
Lancashire County Council
Lancashire County Council
Lancashire Council of Mosques
CE Diocese of Blackburn
Teachers in the Primary Sector
Lancashire County Council
RE Consultant

Officers in Attendance

Jonathan Hewitt
Josh Mynott
Katrina Dale

Officer to the SACRE, CYP
Democratic Services
Democratic Services

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Brennand, Mrs K Cooper, Mr D Fann, Miss L Fenton, Ms C Mercier, Mrs J O'Rourke, Mrs A Robinson, Mrs E Saunderson, Mrs A Tidswell and CC A Thornton.

2. Minutes and matters arising

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2012, be agreed as a true record.

3. SACRE Membership

Members noted that the full SACRE membership was renewed every four years, after County Council elections and that the process involved contacting the relevant nominating bodies asking for new nominations. As County Council elections were due to take place this year on 2 May, it was suggested that an item be put to the next meeting of the SACRE providing the opportunity to consider membership within the established rules.

Resolved: That an item on renewal of the full SACRE membership be presented to SACRE at its next meeting on 4 March 2013.

4. Working with the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre

Members received a verbal report from the Officer to the SACRE on future working with the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre. The Officer to the SACRE had met with Afrasiab Anwar, Community Faith Coordinator of the Faith Centre, to discuss how it might be involved more in the work of the SACRE and beyond. Through discussion, members agreed that closer working with the Faith Centre would provide the opportunity to:

- Build the Faith Centre into the SACRE Development Plan and therefore develop links to support the Agreed Syllabus
- Look at the role of the Faith Centre in helping SACRE link members of different faiths with schools. This would carry on the work started by DIFA and could possibly also be marketed outside Lancashire.
- Use the Faith Centre as a hub for SACRE's work in developing the leadership of RE in Lancashire – bringing together individuals to form a group to share expertise and good practice.

It was suggested that Afrasiab Anwar be invited to the next meeting of the SACRE to discuss these ideas with members

Resolved: That Afrasiab Anwar, Community Faith Coordinator, Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre, be invited to the next meeting of the SACRE to discuss joint ways of working between the Faith Centre and the SACRE.

5. Common Ground - Information from the Pupil Attitude Questionnaire

Members received a report on information taken from the Pupil Attitude Questionnaire (PAQ) regarding the diversity of faith found in Lancashire and the common ground that exists between them. As the PAQ is completed on a yearly basis it provides the SACRE with the opportunity to look at pupil attitudes across Lancashire. The information provided by pupils in the following areas was discussed:

- Feeling left out of things
- Racist Behaviour
- Understanding and caring about other people (asked in primary schools)
- Understanding people from other cultures (asked in secondary schools)

All schools are provided with the results of the survey for their school and a report is produced informing them whether the responses of their pupils to each question are broadly average, high or low above/below average.

Findings highlighted the need to understand the differences occurring in each District. In talking to Head Teachers/school governors of schools in areas where student views are less positive, the SACRE/County Council could ask whether RE might help address these issues and whether more support for RE was needed to do so.

Through discussion it was suggested that a further report be presented to the full SACRE giving the county wide picture of the responses to the PAQ. (Information on individual schools would not be available as this belonged to schools themselves). In this way, the responses would help inform the SACRE's Development Plan.

Resolved: That a report on the responses to the Pupil Attitude Questionnaire be presented to the SACRE at its next meeting.

6. Implementation of the Development Plan 2011 - 13

Members noted the update on the implementation of the Development Plan and agreed that this should be presented to the full SACRE, for information.

Resolved: That the update on the implementation of the Development Plan be presented to the full SACRE for information.

7. Revision of the SACRE Development Plan

Members considered the need to develop a new process for updating the Development Plan and it was suggested that the full SACRE might take this as an item for discussion at its next meeting, with reference to defining the priorities for the next three years. It was suggested that some areas may need streamlining.

Resolved: That an item for discussion on the revision of the SACRE Development Plan be brought to the next full meeting of the SACRE.

8. Collective Worship

Further to the agreement of the protocol for visits to schools at the last meeting of the SACRE, the Officer to the SACRE provided the group with a draft sample letter for members to send to Head Teachers setting out the purpose of the visit prior to a visit being made. This letter could be personalised by each member with their own biographical details. It was suggested that this letter be considered by the full SACRE at its next meeting.

Resolved: That the draft letter to Head Teachers setting out the purpose of Collective Worship visits be considered by the SACRE at its next meeting.

9. National Update

The RE Consultant presented a report on the current national picture for RE.

The All Party Parliamentary Group Inquiry into the supply of and support for teachers of RE had held its second Oral Evidence Session which the RE

Consultant had attended and at which she had voiced support for the Lancashire Youth Voice.

With the review of the National Curriculum taking place, the Religious Education Council (REC) was carrying out a subject review in order to produce new RE documentation which clarifies the subject's distinctive place in the wider school curriculum and giving guidance about suitable content. It was envisaged that the final report would be published around July 2013.

It was reported that the government had reaffirmed its view that all schools would be expected to become Academies. As Academies were not required to follow the agreed syllabus, this raised issues for the future of SACREs in the sector.

The REC was also launching a Young Ambassadors for RE scheme for 11 – 18 year olds.

Members of the QSS thanked the RE Consultant, Helen Harrison, and the team in the Directorate for Children and Young People for the work undertaken recently on the RE Primary Conference which had received a great deal of positive feedback.

Resolved: That the RE Consultant and the team from the Directorate for Children and Young People be thanked for the work undertaken on the successful RE Primary Conference.

10. Dates for future SACRE meetings

Members considered dates for the next schedule of SACRE meetings. It was suggested that the date provisionally set as 23 September 2013 be moved to Monday 30 September to accommodate the Church of England group representatives who already had a Diocesan meeting on that date. The dates for consideration were therefore as follows:

Monday 30 September 2013
Monday 25 November 2013
Monday 3 March 2014
Monday 16 June 2014

Members were asked to inform the Clerk to the SACRE if they knew of any reason why the suggested dates would not be suitable.

Resolved: That the proposed schedule of meeting dates for the full SACRE be presented to the SACRE at its next meeting for approval.

11. Date of the next meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting of the Quality and Standards Sub-group was Tuesday 21 May 2013, to take place at 10am at County Hall, Preston.

Members also set a date for a QSS meeting prior to the SACRE meeting in September 2013 as Wednesday 17 July 2013, to take place at 1.30pm, in County Hall, Preston.

Roy Jones
Clerk to the SACRE

County Hall
Preston

Lancashire SACRE

Meeting to be held on 4 March 2013

Common Ground - Pupil Attitude Questionnaire

Following the recent report to SACRE on exhibitions in Lancashire which were created as part of Interfaith Week to help explore the diversity of faith found in Lancashire and the common ground that exists between them, it was agreed that it would be useful to monitor the views of pupils in Lancashire on a range of issues related to this programme.

In order to do this an initial review of pupil responses to the Lancashire Pupil Attitude Questionnaire (PAQ) has been carried out focussing on the following areas:

- Feeling left out of things
- Racist behaviour
- Understanding and caring about other people
- Understanding people from other cultures

Findings

Feeling left out of things

- The great majority of pupils 80-88% are very positive about being included in their school community
- The responses are generally more positive for pupils at secondary school than at primary school
- Preston, Pendle, Hyndburn and Pendle responses are all close to the average in most year groups (Y6,7,9 and 11) but the results for Pendle are particularly low in Y4, a drop on 2011 results

Racist behaviour

- The proportion of positive responses re Racist Incidents ranges from 82% to 94% with primary aged pupils giving the most positive responses.
- For pupils in Y9 and Y11 there is a noticeable difference between Burnley, Pendle, Hyndburn and the Lancashire average with responses here being less positive.

Understanding and caring about other people

- The overall proportion of positive responses from primary pupils about understanding and caring for other people is very high at 94% with the lowest score being in Preston in Y6 (89%) and Hyndburn in Y4 (85%)

Understanding people from other cultures

- The overall proportion of positive responses from secondary school pupils about understanding people from other cultures falls from Y7 (86%) to Y11 (69%).
- The responses in Pendle are below the Lancashire average in Y9 and Y11 but Hyndburn, Preston and Burnley's responses are broadly in line with or above average in Y11

Agenda Item 8

Lancashire SACRE

Meeting to be held on 4 March 2013

Implementation of the SACRE Development Plan

Priority 1: Standards and Quality of Provision of RE

Target: Develop partnership with Directorate for Children and Young People (CYP) to monitor and evaluate the quality of provision for RE and Collective Worship (CW) in schools. Develop strategies to improve standards and quality of RE provision

Intended impact: Issues for Locally Agreed Syllabus for RE are identified in county schools through working with CYP to develop effective monitoring and support for RE and Collective Worship

Action to date

- An article written by the Chair of the SACRE has appeared in the "Lancashire Governor" newsletter to highlight and promote the value of RE in the curriculum
- An item on the implementation of the revised Agreed Syllabus has been included in the Core Agenda for relevant governing bodies
- The training for governors on the Curriculum will include information on the revised Agreed Syllabus
- OfSTED inspections are monitored for any key issues relating to RE in Community and Voluntary Controlled schools with none identified up to 26 October 2012. The inspection reports are, however, very brief and do not comment specifically on most areas of the curriculum.
- **The Annual Report has been published to schools.**
- **The primary RE conference is going ahead on 1 February 2013**
- **Appointment of lead teacher for RE Claire Elliott [Penwortham Girls]**

Status : on track

Priority 2: Management of Lancashire SACRE and Partnership with the LA and other Key Stakeholders

Target: Ensure SACRE is truly representative of Lancashire by working with reference to the priorities of the Local Authority, young people and parents

Intended impact: Lancashire's RE provision is relevant and supportive of local issues and needs

Action to date:

- The importance of including RE in the training for the new primary curriculum has been raised with the trainers but the implementation of the curriculum has been delayed until 2014
- The most recent Youth Voice session gathered the views of young people on a number of key questions including the value of RE in the curriculum and the key elements of future RE conferences for Young People.
- The primary AST is continuing to organise network meetings with primary schools.
- The possibility of creating a parents' page as part of the SACRE website is currently under consideration by LCC officers. This has also been an area of focus for Youth Voice with findings shared with SACRE.
- **Pupil attitudes to racist incidents, relationships with their peers, and learning about other people and other cultures (including beliefs and customs) are being monitored using the results of the Pupil Attitude Questionnaire.**
- **A meeting has been held with the Community Faith Coordinator at Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre to identify how the work of the centre can support the development of RE provision.**

Status : on track

Priority 3: The Effectiveness of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for RE

Target: To make arrangements for the 2011 review, creation and dissemination of the Lancashire Syllabus for RE in partnership with CYP and National RE organisations/guidance

Intended impact: Locally Agreed Syllabus for RE is created in a way that is appropriate and effective in relation to local needs and national guidance

Action to date

- Primary network meetings have been organised to support the teaching and learning of RE including the implementation of the revised Agreed Syllabus. The impact of these meetings will be reviewed in Spring 2013.
- **Planning grids for the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus created by teachers led by Jo Crabtree AST**
- Exemplification materials have been developed in both the primary and secondary phases **including materials and planning from Youth Voice**
- Schools that have gained the RE Quality Mark are being highlighted on the RE website so that other schools can share their good practice

- A leading teacher model for RE is being developed and will be shared with schools.
- **New to the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for RE courses delivered – more planned for the future**
- **An increasing number of schools are joining Face to Faith as a way of bringing a global dimension to the syllabus including 3 Youth Voice schools?**

Status: on track

Priority 4: Collective Worship

Target: Raise awareness of and support for the Lancashire Guidance for Collective Worship

Intended impact: Schools deliver appropriate acts of Collective Worship that have a positive impact on pupils' spiritual development

Action to date

- A protocol to support SACRE members in visiting schools to share in Collective Worship has been established.
- Training on Collective Worship has been offered to schools but there has been little take-up to date.
- Training has been provided for SACRE on the Mirrors and Doors material to support Collective Worship in schools
- Schools have been informed about the availability of Mirrors and Doors
- **Information about Mirrors and Doors shared with Burnley and Pendle 'Faith Friends' delivering CW in Burnley schools**
- **Visits to schools to share in Collective Worship are being carried out in the Spring / Summer Term 2013**

Status : not on track

Priority 5: Contribution of SACRE to the Social and Racial Harmony Agenda

Target: Greater understanding and contact between schools and faith communities

Intended impact: Effective use of visits and visitors from local faith communities to develop Syllabus attitudes of open mindedness, respect for all and self awareness

Action to date

- SACRE membership has been monitored to inform discussions relating to the make-up of SACRE
- The DIFA website has been reviewed and a strategy to strengthen support for visits to places of worship and visitors to schools from faith communities is being proposed.
- SACRE meetings and Youth Voice meetings have been held in places of worship across Lancashire
- The proposed Youth Conference for 2013 is being held in a place of worship **supported by various faith representatives**
- Feedback suggests that the Youth Voice has informed members of faith communities about the nature, purpose and impact of RE by engaging directly with faith leaders.
- The "Faith Shorts" winner of their category in the Tony Blair Foundation film competition was the Hollins Secondary School in Accrington. Their winning entry "Mohammed in Accrington-Inspiring me" was presented to a range of audiences including SACRE and the Youth Conference.
- **Continuing links with the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre including training regarding RE and Collective Worship to 'faith friends'.**
- **Contribution of Lancashire RE departments to Interfaith Week including display of RE at the Harris November 2012 and students sharing their understanding of how Lancashire's RE helps social harmony in Preston and Rossendale**

Status : on track

Agenda Item 9

Lancashire SACRE

Meeting to be held on 4 March 2013

Revision of SACRE Development Plan 2013

Some issues to consider

- Review the progress of the current plan 2011-13

- Establish a process for identifying priorities for revised plan
Who do we involve?
 - SACRE members
 - Headteachers / teachers
 - Governors
 - Pupils
 - Others

- How do we engage with stakeholders?

- Timescales

- Monitoring arrangements

- Evaluation

Lancashire SACRE
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Collective Worship Visits – Draft letter

Dear

I am writing to you as a member of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) in Lancashire. As you will know the SACRE works with schools to oversee and promote Religious Education in Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Lancashire through the Agreed Syllabus for RE. The SACRE is also keen to support schools in developing Collective Worship and has commissioned a resource called Mirrors and Doors 2 which is available on our website:

<http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/re/>

to help schools in this area. (Please note that the website is password protected).

I have been a member of the SACRE for X years and I have a keen interest in supporting Religious Education (any biographical details). As part of my role I am hoping to visit a number of schools (willing volunteers) to share in an act of Collective Worship. The purpose of this visit would be:

- To help promote the value of Collective Worship
- To gain a greater understanding of how different schools provide Collective Worship
- To celebrate good practice and support schools in providing Collective Worship

Please be assured that my visit is not, in any sense, a review of Collective Worship in your school.

If you would be happy for me to visit your school to share in an act of Collective Worship please let me know on XXXXX and I will contact you to arrange the details of the visit.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you,

