



Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Monday 7 October 2013 at 10.00 am in Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston

Agenda

No. Item

Part 1 (Open to Press and Public)

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** (Pages 1 - 8)
Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Lancashire SACRE held on 17 June 2013.
- 3. SACRE Membership** (Pages 9 - 10)
Following the re-constitution of the SACRE for a further four year period from July 2013 to July 2017, members are asked to note the new SACRE membership as approved by the Interim Executive Director for Children and Young People on 18 September 2013.
- 4. SACRE Development Plan 2013 - 2015** (Pages 11 - 14)
Members are asked to consider and approve the draft SACRE Development Plan 2013 – 2015.
- 5. SACRE Annual Report 2012 -2013**
Members are asked to consider the working draft of the SACRE Annual Report 2012 – 2013 which is available to view in the password protected SACRE members' area on the RE and Lancashire SACRE web site at the following address:
<http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/re/>
(Password available for members in the covering letter).
- 6. Lancashire Youth Voice**
- 7. Report of the Quality and Standards Sub-group** (Pages 15 - 18)
Members are asked to note the minutes of the last meeting of the QSS which took place on 17 July 2013.

8. National Update

To be provided by the Lancashire Consultant for RE.

9. Observers' Contributions

10. Members' News

11. Correspondence

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SACRE, which will also be the Annual General Meeting, will take place on Monday 25 November 2013 at 10am in Cabinet Room D - the Henry Bolingbroke Room, County Hall, Preston.

Roy Jones
Clerk to the SACRE

County Hall
Preston

Agenda Item 2

Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 17th June, 2013 at 10.00 am in Cabinet Room 'D' - County Hall, Preston

Present

Christian and other Religious Groups appropriately reflecting the Principal Traditions in the Area

Roman Catholic Church	Ms J Busby
	Mr B McMullen
The Free Churches Group	Mrs A Tidswell
	Mr C Wills
Buddhism	Kelsang Pagpa
Hindu	Mrs H Shukla
Judaism	Rabbi D Braunold
Islam	Mr H Mulla

Teachers Associations

Ms J Crabtree (NUT)
Ms S Greenhow (NASUWT)
Mr P Martin (ASCL)

Church of England Lancashire County Council

Chair
Mrs A Robinson (ATL)
Mr C Pountain
CC P Buckley
CC M Devaney
CC Y Motala
Mr F Williams
Mrs J Harris (Secondary Sector)

Co-opted Members

Observers

Dr M Craig (Baha'i)

Officers in Attendance

Mr J Hewitt
Mr J Mynott
Mrs K Dale

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Mr A Brennand, Mr N Anwar, Mr P Baker, Mrs K Cooper, CC K Ellard, Mr D Fann, Mr S Jogi, Mrs J O'Rourke, Mrs K Parekh and Mrs J Singh.

2. Minutes and matters arising

It was noted that under the minute of Any Other Business, the date of the diversity event hosted by the Hindu Society Lancaster and Morecambe to be held in Lancaster was 28 June and not 20 June as stated in the minutes.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Lancashire SACRE held on 4 March 2013, subject to the above amendment being made, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. SACRE membership

A report on membership was tabled at the meeting. It was noted that any discussion on membership should be based on the statutory requirements set out in the Education Act 1986 and the government 'non statutory' guidance of 2010 which identified the four representative groups as being:

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

The size and membership of each group was determined locally and with each group having one vote. Lancashire SACRE also appointed a further group of non-voting co-opted members and a number of 'Observers.' Group D appointments are made by the County Council's Cabinet and all other appointments are made by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools. Any change to the membership would entail a change to the SACRE's constitution.

A number of criteria were suggested in the report for membership of Group A.

- 1. Major world religions – must be represented regardless of their local significance
- 2. Religions of local significance – which should reflect broadly the proportionate strength of the denomination or religion in the area – with census data as a starting point
- 3. A commitment to the aims and objectives of SACRE – demonstrated through previous engagement with the SACRE or with the teaching of RE and support for schools

Members noted that when assessing an application to join Group A, a place should be awarded to a religion or denomination and not to an individual

Changes to Group B, it was reported should only be considered if requested by the Church of England

Changes to Group C should only be considered if there was a change in the number of associations representing teachers in Lancashire

Changes to Group D the report stated should only be considered given any changes made to the numbers making up the other groups to ensure a continued approximate equivalency in numbers.

The five Co-opted non-voting members on the SACRE were appointed by the SACRE itself and were representatives from school and educational backgrounds. Changes could be made to the constitution to allow for more co-opted members but there would have to be a compelling reason for doing so.

Observers appointed by the SACRE have full speaking rights at committee but cannot participate in any vote and currently included one representative from Paganism and the Bahai faith. In September 2006, the SACRE had agreed to award a place as an Observer to the British Humanist Association but this was not currently being taken up. Prospective Observers were requested to make a presentation to the SACRE explaining about the belief or faith they represent and how they would support the aims of the SACRE.

Currently membership changes arose in two ways

1. Unsolicited applications:

- Religions or denominations might request to join Group A but would have to satisfy the criteria set out
- Any group might apply to join as an Observer and it was suggested that Observer status be offered first to enable the group concerned, even if a religious group applying to join Group A, to demonstrate a commitment to the SACRE and its aims

2. SACRE itself might identify a skills gap and seek to fill through recruitment. In this case the SACRE should seek to appoint a co-opted member

It was suggested that a third way of considering membership be introduced via a general review of membership every four years post county council elections, to consider all types of membership and allocation of seats.

In considering membership, it was suggested that a clear sight of the purpose, aims and objectives of SACRE be maintained to support schools and teachers in delivering excellent RE in line with the agreed syllabus in authority maintained schools.

Members considered an application from a representative of the British Humanist Association (BHA) to join the SACRE as a co-opted member and two applications to join Group A from the current Observer representatives of Paganism and the Bahai faith respectively.

After much discussion both for and against the three applications, members agreed to reconfirm the offer made to the British Humanist Association at the meeting of SACRE on 25 September 2006 to attend meetings in the capacity of Observer and then divided into the four groups to consider the remaining two applications with regard to the criteria set out in the report.

Members voted on the application from the Observer representative of Paganism to be granted membership of Group A as follows:

Group A	Against
Group B	Against
Group C	For
Group D	For

With the resultant tied vote, it was confirmed that precedent and protocol required that the status quo be maintained.

Members voted on the application from the Observer representative of the Bahai faith to be granted membership of Group A as follows:

Group A	Against
Group B	Against
Group C	Against
Group D	Against

Members wished it to be noted that the results of the vote were in no way a reflection of the excellent work done in support of the SACRE by the two Observer members.

RESOLVED: That:

- i. The principles set out in the report be agreed as the basis for any future consideration of changes to membership of the SACRE.
- ii. A member of the British Humanist Association should not be co-opted onto the SACRE but that the offer to attend meetings of the SACRE in the capacity of Observer be re-confirmed.
- iii. A representative of Paganism should not be granted membership of Group A
- iv. A representative of the Bahai faith should not be granted membership of Group A.

4. National Update

Helen Harrison, Lancashire Consultant for RE, presented a report on the national picture for RE, highlighting the following points:

- RE long report was still with Ofsted and was due to be launched possibly in July
- Broughton Business and Enterprise College was now recognised by Ofsted as a Good Practice school and had obtained gold level in the RE Quality Mark. Broughton and St Christopher's Academy were among 10 schools selected nationally to produce Young Ambassadors for RE and who were about to visit the House of Commons for the launch of the All Party Parliamentary Working Group.
- Both Helen and the Chairman of the SACRE, Peter Martin, had recently attended the NASACRE AGM in Birmingham where Alan Brine HMI and Dr Mark Chater, Director of Culham St Gabriels, had been the key-note speakers. Copies of their presentations Realising the Potential and Challenging SACREs respectively are available to view at the following address: <http://www.nasacre.org.uk/events>

RESOLVED: That the current national picture be noted.

5. SACRE Development Plan 2013 - 2015

Members were presented with a brief overview of priorities which had been identified following:

- A review of the current development plan
- Feedback from teachers and headteachers in Lancashire
- Discussion with Young People in Lancashire
- A review of national priorities and developments

Members were asked to consider a draft outline Development Plan and comment on the priorities by completing the questionnaire attached to the agenda and submitting it for consideration at the next meeting of the QSS.

The four priorities in the draft plan were listed as follows:

- Priority 1: To fulfil SACRE's statutory role by providing effective leadership of RE and Collective Worship
- Priority 2: To raise achievement in RE
- Priority 3: To improve the provision of Collective Worship
- Priority 4: To ensure that the provision of RE is informed by the views of stakeholders

Members commented briefly on the priorities at the meeting as follows:

- That parents and school governors should be added to the list of stakeholders in reference to Priority 4
- In order to raise standards, the Authority should share examples of Best Practice internally more effectively
- Effective communication with schools about the work of SACRE should be done via the Schools' Portal
- In relation to monitoring it was suggested that the SACRE could also monitor good practice to provide a more positive aspect to 'monitoring'
- With regard to the reporting of levels, it was reported that the notion of 'levels' was soon to disappear, possibly to be replaced by 'expected progress' but it was not yet known if this would relate to RE

RESOLVED: That the comments made by members on the draft Development Plan be considered by the Quality and Standards Sub-group at its next meeting on 17 July 2013.

6. Report of the Quality and Standards Sub-group

The Chairman commented that attendance at Quality and Standard Sub-group meetings had recently been very good and wished to thank all those who had attended.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the QSS sub-group which took place on 21 May 2013 be noted.

7. Lancashire Youth Voice

The Lancashire Consultant for RE, Helen Harrison, gave a power point presentation on the recent activities of the Lancashire Youth Voice (formerly the Youth SACRE).

The eighth annual youth conference had recently taken place and had been led by Youth Voice schools for Key Stage 3 students.

Recent Youth Voice work had included:

- Projects developed within schools ,for example, writing materials, working with parents, reviewing the value of RE
- Continuing to work with, learn from and inform local religious groups (this year Sikh, Salvation Army, Hindu) about the importance of RE
- Informing the wider community about RE: local MPs, the REC
- Working with the SACRE and SACRE members to ensure young peoples' voices are heard

Challenges for the Youth Voice included:

- attendance – two of the schools involved had become academies
- how to ensure students' work supported the work of the SACRE
- the Youth Voice section of the Lancashire SACRE web site needed developing.

It was essential to build on what had already been achieved by the Youth Voice and future work should be informed by the Lancashire SACRE development plan.

Youth Voice Schools had been given half a day to identify an area to develop and prepare a report for next term's meeting and it was suggested that Lancashire SACRE Youth voice apply for the NASACRE annual awards and work towards the 2014/15 conference.

RESOLVED: That the report on the Lancashire Youth Voice be noted.

8. Members' News

- Anita Tidswell reported that Reverend Stephen Poxon was soon to step down as Methodist District Chairman
- Francis Williams reported that former County Councillor Albert Thornton, also former Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the SACRE was gravely ill and in hospital.

9. Correspondence

It was reported that the Chairman had received a letter from Rosie Cooper MP which copied in a letter from Elizabeth Truss, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Education and Childcare, which provided general remarks about the curriculum.

10. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Lancashire SACRE was noted as Monday 30 September 2013 to take place at 10am in Cabinet Room D at County Hall, Preston.

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Clerk to the SACRE

County Hall
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Agenda Item 3

LANCASHIRE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) – MEMBERSHIP

Christian and other Religious Groups appropriately reflecting The Principal Traditions in the Area

The Roman Catholic Church (3)	-	Ms J Busby (Lancaster)
	-	Mr B McMullen (Liverpool)
	-	Vacancy (Salford)
The Free Churches Group (4)	-	Mr C Wills (United Reformed)
	-	Mrs A Tidswell (Methodist)
	-	Mr P Baker (AOG Life Church)
	-	Vacancy (Methodist)
Islam (5)	-	Mr N Anwar (Lancashire Global Education Centre)
	-	Ms I Hussain
	-	Mr S Jogi
	-	Mr H Mulla (Lancashire Council of Mosques)
	-	Mr I Nakhuda (LCM)
Hinduism (2)	-	Under consideration
	-	Under consideration
Judaism (1)	-	Rabbi D Braunold
Sikhs (1)	-	Vacancy
Buddhism (1)	-	Kelsang Pagpa
Teacher Associations (5)	-	Mr P Martin (ASCL) (Chairman)
	-	Ms J Crabtree (NUT)
	-	Mr D Fann (NAHT)
	-	Mrs S J Greenhow (NAS/UWT)
	-	Mr L Ridings (ATL)
Church of England (5)	-	Mrs J O'Rourke (Liverpool)
	-	Miss L Fenton (Blackburn)
	-	Mr C Pountain (Blackburn)
	-	Mrs H Sage (Blackburn)
	-	Vacancy (Bradford Ripon and Leeds)

Local Authority (5)

- CC P Buckley
- CC A Cheetham
- CC K Ellard
- CC Y Motala
- Mr F Williams

Co-opted Members (5)

- Ms J Harris/Ms K Murry
(Teachers in the Secondary Sector)
- Mrs K Cooper (Lancashire Association of School Governing Bodies)
- Ms J Clarke (NATRE)
- Mr F Farrell/Ms C Mercier
(Teacher/Trainer from the Higher Education Sector)
- Mrs J Sawyer (Teachers in the Primary Sector)

Observers

- Dr M Craig (Bahá'í Faith)
- Mr A Brennand (Paganism)
- Ms J Jarvis (Humanism)

Lancashire SACRE Development Plan 2013/15

Priority 1 To fulfil SACRE's statutory role by providing effective leadership of RE and Collective Worship [CW]			
Objectives	Activities		
a) Providing an appropriate Agreed Syllabus and guidance on Collective Worship [CW]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further develop the Agreed Syllabus through exemplification materials and links to support materials from different faiths Review guidance on CW website 	JH/HH HH	
b) Effective communication with schools about the work of SACRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and update SACRE web site Share information with schools through the LA advisory service Provide marketed network meetings for primary schools Provide marketed network meetings for secondary schools Work with Governor services to update governors on the work of SACRE 	HH/TM JH JH/HH JH/HH JH/HH	
c) Monitoring the quality of provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor and respond to complaints re RE/CW Monitor OfSTED Section 5 inspection reports Monitor OfSTED subject inspection reports for RE and identify strengths / weaknesses in Lancashire's provision Gather feedback from schools via network meetings and conference Gather feedback from parents via Youth Voice Gather feedback from pupils through the Youth Voice To monitor the implementation of the SACRE development plan and report to SACRE Create an annual report including feedback from Youth Voice 	JH JH JH JH HH HH JH HH/JH	
d) Monitoring achievements in RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse GCSE/A level results Analyse Teacher Assessments at KS1,2 and 3 	P D/K JH	
Success criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from schools indicates that the RE syllabus supports the teaching and learning of RE OfSTED reports identify spiritual development as an area of strength The trends in achievement are monitored and both strengths and weakness are identified 			

- There is an improving trend in achievement in RE at all Key Stages
- Positive feedback from Pupil Attitude Questionnaire on the provision of RE

Priority 2 : To raise achievement in RE

Objectives	Activities	
a) Ensuring that the Agreed Syllabus is easily accessible and navigable for teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing the structure of the RE website to make it more easily accessible to and navigable by teachers • Developing the system to respond to queries from teachers in a timely and effective way including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about web site passwords • Passing on queries to JH/HH as appropriate • Information about available support e.g. networks, good practice schools 	HH/ Dan Hayes JH/HH/HW
b) Reviewing and augmenting the exemplification materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating exemplification through sharing good practice • Use the expertise of SACRE members to enhance/update the materials to support the Agreed Syllabus 	HH/JC/JH/KM/ SACRE members
c) Providing opportunities to share and develop good practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit existing network groups – liaise with NATRE • Provide marketed networks for RE/CW • Explore possible hub clusters eg around Quality Mark schools • Develop the work of the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre in supporting RE • Reviewing the arrangements to market the Agreed Syllabus 	HH/JC/NATRE JH/HH HHHH/JC/Claire Elliot JH/AAnwar
d) Providing opportunities to connect with different living religious traditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rework DIFA site inc with reference to 'Sacred Space' guidance from LOTC • Liaise with Lancashire Inter Faith partners and SACRE members to identify existing opportunities to share in different religious traditions eg as a standing item at full SACRE meetings 	HH/Dan Hayes Anwar/JH Lancs FF/ SACRE members/YV

Success criteria

- Positive feedback on the RE website and increased usage
- Positive feedback on the development of the Agreed Syllabus from teachers
- Positive feedback from networks on impact of RE on pupil achievement
- Positive feedback from Pupil Attitude Questionnaire on the provision of RE
- Positive feedback from Youth Voice conference / meetings on the impact of RE
- OfSTED reports identify spiritual development as an area of strength
- Positive feedback from OfSTED subject inspections

3. To improve the provision of Collective Worship:

Objectives	Activities	
a) Ensuring that schools are aware of the support materials and guidance (Mirrors and Doors 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform re version 2 of Mirrors and Doors – circulate web site passwords via portal • Share information with schools through the LA advisory service • Work with Governor services to update governors on the provision of CW • Develop marketed CPD via LE 	HH/HW/JH JH HH/KC HH
b) Augment exemplification materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop resources through linking to wider available resources 	HH
c) Providing opportunities to share and develop good practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case studies gathered from SACRE members visits to schools • Share good practice through networks/Hubs 	SACRE members YV schools
<h4>Success criteria</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback from OfSTED Section 5 inspections on the provision for CW • Increased usage of the CW support materials including Mirrors and Doors 2 • Positive feedback from SACRE members' visits to schools on CW 		

4. To ensure that the provision of RE is informed by the views of stakeholders by:

Objectives	Activities	
a) Providing opportunities for Children and Young People to participate in the development of RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the role of Youth Voice and plan for 9th SACRE Youth Conference to address the development plan priorities 	HH/JB/YV schools/Anwar/ SACRE members
b) Further developing links with people of different faiths, beliefs and traditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and establish effective and appropriate faith/ belief contacts for visits and visitor resourcing for schools Develop the role of the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre in supporting RE across Lancashire Share the work of SACRE with faith and community groups through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting schools' contributions to exhibitions Sharing information on events from faith groups with schools 	SACRE members + nom bodies/ Anwar/Lancs F of F
c) Maintaining links with national bodies who lead on RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain active membership of NASACRE Access regular information from The RE Council [REC], Ofsted, AREIAC, NATRE 	HH/JC [NATRE rep]
Success criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development plan is informed by stakeholders including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SACRE members Youth Voice QCI Partnership Development Group The provision for RE is enriched through links with people of different faiths, beliefs and traditions SACRE's work informs and is informed by national developments in RE 		

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Agenda Item 7

Lancashire SACRE - Quality and Standards Sub-group

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 17 July 2013 at 2.00 pm in The Duke of Lancaster Room (Formerly Cabinet Room 'C'), County Hall, Preston

Present

Mr P Martin
Rabbi D Braunold
County Councillor P Buckley
County Councillor A Cheetham
Mrs K Cooper
County Councillor Y Motala
Mr I Nakhuda

Representing

ASCL (Chair)
Judaism
Lancashire County Council
Lancashire County Council
LASGB
Lancashire County Council
Islam

Helen Harrison

RE Consultant

Officers in Attendance

Mr J Hewitt
Mr J Mynott
Mrs K Dale

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Brennand, Dr M Craig, Kelsang Pagpa, Mrs J O'Rourke, Mrs A Robinson, Mrs H Sage, Mrs J Sawyer, Mrs H Shukla and Mr F Williams.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2013

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2013, be agreed as a true record.

3. SACRE Development Plan 2013 - 2015

Members were asked to consider the process for reviewing the SACRE Development Plan.

At the full SACRE members had been presented with a draft outline version of the Development Plan for work to be done over the next two years and had been asked to complete a questionnaire commenting on the following:

Whether:

- they agreed with the priorities outlined
- there should be any additional priorities
- they agreed with the objectives outlined
- there should be any additional objectives
- they agreed with the activities outlined
- there should be any additional activities to consider

It was proposed, based on the responses to the questionnaires received and the suggestions made by members, to firm up the plan and present it to the SACRE for approval at the Autumn Term meeting.

The four draft priorities were as follows:

Priority 1: To fulfil SACRE's statutory role by providing effective leadership of RE and Collective Worship

Priority 2: To raise achievement in RE

Priority 3: To improve the provision of Collective Worship

Priority 4: To ensure that the provision of RE is informed by the views of stakeholders

Members commented on the responses to questionnaires as follows:

- With regard to the proposal to add a 5th priority – "To raise awareness of the status, importance and value of RE and Collective amongst different faiths, beliefs and traditions and appropriate community organisations", it was noted that this had already been drafted as an objective at 4c of the plan. However, it was suggested that this theme was integral to the plan as a whole and could therefore be treated as a subset running through all the priorities rather than being treated as something separate. It was also suggested that SACRE members who were faith representatives could be asked to consider the content of the Lancashire SACRE and RE Web site from their faith perspective, therefore helping to strengthen the community cohesion agenda.
- **Priority 1:** In response to a concern listed regarding accessibility of the web site – it was noted that the Agreed Syllabus was password protected since a great deal of County Council resource had been invested in it. However, all Authority schools were able to access the syllabus directly - teachers only needed a password if they wished to gain access to it from outside school.

A pdf version of the syllabus core (without the accompanying downloadable resources) was available free of charge, upon application, to those using it for RE training purposes.

It was suggested that there existed an opportunity to market the Agreed Syllabus by providing specimen pages on line with the facility for potential customers to progress and purchase the whole syllabus if they wished.

If teachers needed help/had an issue with the syllabus, there were various options available: the opportunity for Headteachers to buy in Helen Harrison's expertise as an independent RE consultant; attending the Primary conference; attending primary network cluster meetings; making

contact with good practice schools; making use of the point of contact indicated on the web site.

Studying results in the context of other subjects (with regard to Priority 1d) was not considered to be particularly helpful in terms of attainment as it was difficult to compare different subjects and gain meaningful information. It was, however, agreed that comparison with national figures and reviewing trends over time provided valuable information for SACRE.

- **Priority 4:** Members welcomed objective 4 a): Providing opportunities for Children and Young People to participate in the development of RE – commenting that the work being done by the Youth Voice was both challenging and inspirational. It was suggested that the SACRE consider the responses provided annually in the Pupil Attitude Questionnaire (PAQ) to find out on a District level what pupils thought about RE. It was felt important that Youth Voice feedback was incorporated in the SACRE's Annual Report.

It was noted that a letter had been sent to all governing bodies requesting that a review of RE was an agenda item for their next meeting and a piece had been written about RE for inclusion in the LASGB autumn newsletter. The RE consultant had been involved in curriculum training for governors.

In considering a question posed in relation to 4d): 'how the SACRE raised issues impacting on its effectiveness at a national level', it was suggested that this was already being done through the consultant to SACRE (Helen Harrison) who sits on various national bodies. This meant that the SACRE was extraordinarily well informed about national debates and had the opportunity to put its points forward at a national level. The SACRE could learn from what was being said nationally whilst continuing to provide what was right for Lancashire children.

It was proposed that the Officer to the SACRE and the RE Consultant should re-work the draft plan with regard to the comments made by members and that details listed under the priorities for objectives and activities would be expanded although it was envisaged that the Development Plan would not be a lengthy document. The priorities had already been shared with the Partnership Development Group which oversees the work of the Quality and Continuous Improvement Service and is made up of a range of key stakeholders in education in Lancashire. It was intended that the views of stakeholders in schools such as primary headteachers, heads of department at secondary level and teachers would also be gathered through focus groups and network meetings. The role of Youth Voice in feeding into the priorities was also emphasised. The revised draft plan would be brought to the SACRE for consideration at its next meeting.

Resolved: That the draft plan be re-worked with reference to the comments made by members and put before the SACRE at its next meeting for consideration and approval.

4. The Revised Primary Curriculum

Members noted a letter from Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education, regarding the current position of the National Curriculum Review.

5. National Update

The RE Consultant for Lancashire updated members on the national picture for RE, highlighting the following issues:

- The RE long report (three year review) was now likely to be available by mid-September
- At a recent event at Lambeth Palace, Mr Gove, Secretary of State for Education, accepted a point that Religious Education had been an "unintended casualty" of curriculum reforms and that he had thought that RE's 'special status was protection enough.' Since then John Keast, Chair of the Religious Education Council had written to Mr Gove asking for a face to face conversation regarding the current state of RE.

Resolved: That the update on the national picture for RE be noted.

6. Date of the next meeting

Members set the dates for the next meetings of the Quality and Standards Sub-group as:

Monday 21 October 2013 to be held at 2.00pm in County Hall
Monday 20 January 2014 to be held at 2.00pm in County Hall

It was also agreed to change the date of the next meeting of the full SACRE from Monday 30 September at 10am to Monday 7 October 2013 at 10am to avoid a clash with a Jewish festival on 30 September.

Resolved: That:

- i. Dates of the Quality and Standards Sub-group be agreed as follows:

Monday 21 October 2013 to be held at 2.00pm in County Hall
Monday 20 January 2014 to be held at 2.00pm in County Hall

- ii. The date of the full SACRE be changed from Monday 30 September at 10am to Monday 7 October 2013 at 10am, to be held at County Hall, Preston.

Roy Jones
Clerk to the SACRE

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Preston