

Lancashire County Council

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Tuesday, 7th June, 2011 in Cabinet Room 'D' - County Hall, Preston, at 10.00 am

Agenda

Part 1 (Open to Press and Public)

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes and matters arising (Pages 1 - 8)

Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Lancashire SACRE held on 7 February 2011. Minutes attached.

3. Constitution of the SACRE

i) Members to note the appointment of Mrs Anita Tidswell, representing the Methodist Faith, to the Free Churches Group on the SACRE

ii) Members are asked to consider the appointment of two co-opted members to the SACRE to fill the recently vacated NATRE place and the place for a representative of Teachers in the Primary Sector.

4. Future Support for SACRE

5. SACRE Budget

Jonathan Hewitt to update members on the position of the SACRE budget.

6. Report of the Quality and Standards Sub-group, including consideration and approval of the draft SACRE Development Plan 2011/12/13 (Pages 9 - 24)

i) Minutes of the meeting of the Quality and Standards Sub-group, 9 March 2011, attached at Item 6.

ii) Draft minutes of the meeting of the Quality and Standards Sub-group, 17 May 2011, attached at Item 6a.

iii) Draft SACRE Development Plan 2011/12/13, attached at item 6b.

7. Reports from the Advanced Skills Teachers (ASTs)

Reports to be presented by Jo Crabtree, AST Primary, and Laura Heaton, AST Secondary, on their activities since the last meeting.

8. **Request for an assessment for a renewal of a Determination regarding Collective Worship from Whitefield Infant School, Nelson** (Pages 25 - 26)
Report attached at item 8.
9. **Verbal Report from the Chairman on the NASACRE Conference, 'Whose RE is it anyway' - 31 March 2011**
10. **Observers' Contributions**
11. **Correspondence**
12. **Any Other Business**
13. **Dates and Venue of the Next Schedule of Meetings 2011 - 2012**
Members are asked to approve the dates given below as the next schedule of meetings of the SACRE, all to take place at 10am, at County Hall, Preston.

Monday 26 September 2011
Monday 28 November 2011
Monday 6 February 2012
Monday 11 June 2012

I M Fisher
County Secretary and Solicitor

County Hall
Preston

Agenda Item 2

Lancashire County Council

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 7th February, 2011 at 10.00 am in Cabinet Room 'D' - County Hall, Preston

Present:

1.

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

Roman Catholic Church

Ms J Busby
Mr B McMullen

Baptist Church

Rev S Crawford

United Reformed Church

Mr C Wills

Islam

Mr N Anwar

Hinduism

Mrs H Shukla

Teacher Associations

Ms J Crabtree (NUT)
Mrs S Greenhow(NASUWT)
Mr P Martin (ASCL)
(Chairman)
Mrs A Robinson (ATL)

Church of England

Miss L Fenton
Mr C Pountain

Local Authority

County Councillor K Ellard
County Councillor K Iddon
County Councillor P Malpas
County Councillor A Thornton

Co-opted Members

Mrs K Cooper (LASGB)
Ms L Heaton, AST, Secondary
Ms C Mercier, Higher Education Sector

Officers in attendance

Mrs H Harrison
Ms J Anderson
Mrs K Dale

Mr A Brennand representing the Pagan Federation, and Mrs S Miley representing the Bahai Faith attended the meeting as Observers.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Jas Singh, David Fann, Iffat Hussain, Yvonne Taylor, Joan O'Rourke, David Braunold, Helen Sage, Kailash Parekh, Kelsang Pagpa and Owes Data.

The Chairman welcomed new member Reverend Sandra Crawford, representing the Baptist Faith to the meeting and also Mrs Sylvia Mylie, who was attending the meeting as an Observer representing the Bahá'í faith.

3. Minutes and matters arising

With reference to the minute regarding the Report of the Quality and Standards Sub-group, members noted that the data returned in the SIPs questionnaires by the Diocesan Schools would be collated and only sent to the Diocesan representatives. Regarding the minute 'National Update' members noted that a letter had been sent to Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education, regarding the level of support for RE and requesting continued support and that this letter would be copied to all Lancashire MPs, and that the Youth SACRE would be asked to endorse this.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Lancashire SACRE held on 29 November 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. National Issues - Update

Helen Harrison gave a power point presentation updating members on national issues. A copy is available on record in the minute book. Members raised queries and commented as follows:

- **Academies**
NATRE had received clarification from Lord Hill's office: where an Academy had not been designated with a religious character the Academy must provide RE in accordance with the national legal requirements for RE. Trust schools that are designated faith schools had to teach RE in accordance with the tenets of their faith.
- **English Baccalaureate**
The announcement in 2010 that full course GCSE RE did not count towards the proposed English Baccalaureate and the review of short course GCSEs had serious implications for the future status of RE. The announcement of the curriculum review, however, made clear that the government did not intend to make any changes to the statutory basis for RE.
- In Lancashire, the SACRE had been given an assurance by the Authority that it would continue to be supported and Jonathan Hewitt, Head of Quality and Continuous Improvement, Directorate for Children and Young People, would be attending the next meeting of the Quality and Standards Sub-group on 9 March 2011 to discuss the level of support to be provided

after the 31 March, when the post of Lancashire Consultant for RE and Collective Worship would cease to exist.

5. Youth SACRE/Youth Voice

The members of the Youth SACRE had been busy planning the Youth Conference which was taking place on 25 March 2011 at the Gujarat Hindu Centre in conjunction with the launch of the revised Agreed Syllabus for RE.

Helen Harrison would produce a legacy document about the Youth SACRE for the web site. Members asked that their thanks to the Youth SACRE for all the hard work they had done in the past be noted.

RESOLVED: That thanks to the Youth SACRE for all the hard work they had done in the past be noted.

6. Report from the Advanced Skills Teacher, Primary

Jo Crabtree, AST, Primary, gave a brief update on her activities as Advanced Skills Teacher. Jo explained that as an AST, one day of her working week was dedicated to outreach work throughout the County.

As promised at the last meeting, Jo had sent an invitation to Nick Gibb via Deborah Weston at NASACRE, to visit a primary school to see how RE worked, but as yet her offer had not been taken up.

As well as her work for BLASST, Jo had been writing exemplification for the revised Agreed Syllabus and working on it with teachers. Via the network groups, Jo would be able to deliver some training on the new syllabus during March and April.

Jo had again contributed to the Lancashire RE Primary Conference which focused on RE's contribution to Community Cohesion and SMSC. She had run a workshop on SMSC for inspection which had been well attended and received excellent feedback.

For NATRE, Jo had been writing resources on controversial issues using children's literature. Jo is an executive member of NATRE.

RESOLVED: That the report from Jo Crabtree, AST Primary, be noted.

7. Report from the Lancashire Consultant for RE and Collective Worship

Helen Harrison gave a power point presentation on her activities since the last meeting incorporating a detailed update on the position of the SACRE three year Development Plan. A copy of Helen's report and update on the Development Plan is on record in the minute book.

In addition to taking the revision of the syllabus to both primary and network groups, Helen had organised a Primary Conference – Spirited RE – Knowing me

Knowing You and had received outstanding feedback on this. Helen, had attended many meetings including Diocesan, Trans Pennine AREIAC, REC and Youth Voice. Helen expressed her thanks in particular to Jo Busby and Helen Sage for all the work they had carried out to support Youth SACRE and the annual Lancashire SACRE Youth Conferences.

Preston Faith Forum had asked Helen to provide training for their faith visitor project but as Helen now had no capacity for this, she asked that if any SACRE members could help with this, to let her know.

Helen also requested that any faith representatives who had not yet been able to submit a local snapshot of their faith for inclusion into the revised syllabus to do so.

Finally Helen thanked all members who had contributed to the work of the SACRE during her time as Lancashire Consultant for RE and Collective Worship.

RESOLVED: That the report of the Lancashire Consultant for RE and Collective Worship be noted.

8. Report from the Advanced Skills Teacher, Secondary

Laura Heaton presented a report on her activities as AST, Secondary, since the last meeting.

As part of Lancashire SACRE's development plan, Laura had been running an Able, Gifted and Talented project and worked with secondary teachers, CLEO's Roger Lang and Teacher Adviser Janet Gaskell on this. Laura had written a document on how to plan lessons for gifted pupils.

She had also worked with Rowena Prior of the Lancashire Grid for Learning to develop an RE Moodle as part of the 2011 Lancashire Syllabus for RE, Searching for Meaning. Moodle, Laura explained, was a virtual learning environment where resources could be accessed and ideas and activities shared by teachers. There would also be a section where teachers could ask for help. The Moodle, as yet, was still in draft form and not yet live on the internet.

In response to a query as to whether this facility would be available for Church Schools to use, it was explained that it would initially be available only to the schools that use the RE syllabus. There could also be some copyright issues if it did not remain password restricted.

The RE Moodle would go live with the launch of the revised syllabus on 25 March 2011.

RESOLVED: That the report of the Advanced Skills Teacher, Secondary, be noted.

9. Celebrating RE Month, March 2011

The RE Council of England and Wales, as the organisers of Celebrating RE month, had requested that those members who had been involved in organising any events for this, log on to the Celebrating RE web site to provide details, so that a legacy document could be created. The web site could be found at the following address: <http://www.celebratingre.org/>

10. Update on Revision of Agreed Syllabus for RE

Helen Harrison updated members on the revision of the Agreed Syllabus by way of a short power point presentation which is on record in the Minute Book.

The new revised syllabus was an on line model and the basic core of the syllabus was now ready for consideration and approval by the Agreed Syllabus Conference. An array of support material and exemplification would be available and added to as an evolving on line resource. This included the RE Moodle.

There would be a need to raise the profile of the new revised syllabus and training of teachers could be an issue after 31 March 2011. There was the possibility of liaising with the Learning Excellence team on training issues and it was noted that any SACRE member was also welcome to help if they were able.

11. Members' Details for the Web Site for RE and Lancashire SACRE

Those members who had not already submitted a completed details form for inclusion on the SACRE web site together with a photo were urged to do so.

It was suggested that member's details forms be sent with the next SACRE agenda as a reminder.

RESOLVED: That member's details forms be sent out with the next SACRE agenda together with a request for members who had not already submitted one to do so.

12. Report of the Quality and Standards Sub-group

The Chairman presented a report from the Quality and Standards Sub-group.

Regarding monitoring, members of the QSS had voiced concern that nationally RE was being excluded from the curriculum at secondary stage, having been left out of the Humanities list for the proposed English Baccalaureate. The Chairman had therefore written, through the Lancashire Association of Secondary School Headteachers, to all County schools reminding them that RE remained a statutory requirement and should continue to be taught at Key Stage 4.

The QSS now recommended to the SACRE that the requirement for schools to submit data at the end of every Key Stage be kept but that the requirement to send in a Self Evaluation Form (SEF) be removed.

Members noted that the QSS had updated the SACRE SEF, but were unable to update the Development Plan as funding for the next financial year was not yet known.

It had been agreed to hold a further meeting of the QSS on 9 March to which Jonathan Hewitt, Head of Quality and Continuous Assessment would be invited to discuss future support for the SACRE after 31 March 2011.

RESOLVED: That, with regard to the SACRE's monitoring role, the requirement for schools to submit data at the end of every Key Stage be kept but that the requirement to send in a Self Evaluation Form (SEF) be removed.

13. Advice to Schools about Key Stage 4

As RE remained a statutory part of the curriculum, teachers were being encouraged to write to the Secretary of State for Education to voice their concerns about the proposed English Baccalaureate and the exclusion of RE from it.

14. Observers' Contributions

Sylvia Mylie representing the Bahá'í Faith offered to contact Dr Malcolm Craig who was in China, to ask if he would be able to provide a local snapshot of the Bahá'í Faith for the revision of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for RE.

15. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from:

- Lancashire Forum of Faiths regarding the Faith Education Programme which was now being delivered in partnership with Preston Faith Forum and the SACRE to develop a group of Faith Volunteers to visit primary and secondary schools across the County. The Partnership was asking for volunteers to undertake school visits.
- NATRE: regarding The North of England RE Conference 'Challenging RE' taking place on 7 and 8 May 2011 in York.
- NASACRE: regarding a conference 'Whose RE is it Anyway?' which would take place on 31 March 2011 in Birmingham. The Chair of the SACRE had agreed to attend this conference.

16. Any Other Business

The Chairman reported that this was to be the last meeting that Helen Harrison would attend in her role as Lancashire Consultant for RE and Collective Worship as the post was to be disestablished after 31 March 2011. Members joined with him in thanking Helen for the vast amount of work she had done for the SACRE with great passion and leadership over the past years.

17. Date and Venue of the Next Meetings

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 6 June 2011 at 10am to take place at County Hall, Preston.

Members were asked to consider a proposed schedule of meeting dates for the SACRE and to inform the Clerk if any clashed with religious festivals. The dates were as follows:

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| Monday 26 September 2011 | 10am |
| Monday 28 November 2011 | 10am |
| Monday 6 February 2012 | 10am |
| Monday 11 June 2012 | 10am |

I M Fisher
County Secretary and Solicitor
Clerk to the SACRE

County Hall
Preston
February 2011

Agenda Item 6

MEETING OF THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS SUB-GROUP

CSSG MEETING ROOM 1, CHRIST CHURCH PRECINCT, COUNTY HALL,
PRESTON

Wednesday 9 March 2011

MINUTES

PRESENT

Jacquie Clarke
David Fann
Kelsang Pagpa
Peter Martin
Helen Sage
CC Albert Thornton
Colin Wills
Francis Williams

REPRESENTING

Primary Teachers
NAHT
Buddhism
ASCL (Chair)
Church of England
Lancashire County Council
Free Church Council
Observer

Officers in Attendance

Jill Anderson
Katrina Dale
Helen Harrison

Jonathan Hewitt, Head of Quality and Continuous Improvement, Directorate of Children and Young People, attended the meeting to speak at Item 3.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from the following:

Nasrullah Anwar, Andrew Brennand, Kathleen Cooper, Imam Owes Data, Lisa Fenton, Iffat Hussain, County Councillor K Iddon, County Councillor Peter Malpas, County Councillor Y Motala, Carrie Mercier, Christian Pountain, Alice Robinson, Harsha Shukla, Jas Singh, Yvonne Taylor

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 January 2011 and matters arising

With regard to the minute 'Issues from SIPs and other monitoring activities' it was noted that the information received from Diocesan schools was currently being collated and would be sent out shortly to the relevant SACRE representatives from the Dioceses.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January be agreed as a true record.

Future support for SACRE

Members considered the two documents presented: i) Document drafted by NASACRE regarding statutory Local Authority Support for SACREs, annotated by Helen Harrison to reference to Lancashire SACRE, and ii) Discussion paper, presented by Jonathan Hewitt, Head of Quality and Continuous Improvement, Directorate of Children and Young People, regarding possible future provision of specialist RE support for the SACRE.

In opening the discussion, Jonathan explained that the role of the Authority was changing in the way it linked schools to the curriculum and that any development work in schools and implementation of the curriculum was decided upon by the schools themselves. Most curriculum support would be offered to schools, not provided. This would have implications for further support materials that may have to be marketed depending on demand from schools. However, regarding the legal status of RE the view of central government was to keep the status quo, ie local determination.

The Authority endorsed the high quality of work being carried out and now proposed to review the specialist support for the SACRE and ASC.

The statutory element (set down in the NASACRE document) was to be used as a starting point when planning for future SACRE support.

Jonathan stated that the Authority, with regard to the SACRE (annually):

- Fully recognised the importance of the specialist and would want to employ someone with RE specialism
- Recognised the need for a lead officer from the Directorate for Children and Young People besides the RE specialist, so that issues could be fed back to the Authority as appropriate.
- Accepted the provision in terms of functions but that the SACRE Development Plan ought to be built into the SACRE Annual Report – to be carried out by the RE specialist.

and that the Authority, with regard to the ASC (five year cycle):

- Accepted that support should be available around the five year cycle of the review of the syllabus
- Could offer/make available support to schools in implementing the syllabus - not providing it as a matter of course
- Would continue to support the Youth SACRE and Youth Conference for the year 2011/12 given their valuable input into the new syllabus and as a means of celebrating their work

The tasks of the RE specialist, as drawn up by the Authority, were listed at Appendix 'A' to the report and included work regarding schools requesting a determination in

relation to collective worship, which had not been included in the NASACRE document.

Members were encouraged when they learnt of the level of support which the Authority expected to provide. A query was raised regarding how soon this support would be available since the RE Consultant post was to be disestablished after March 2011. Members noted that the Authority would now be considering how best to employ a specialist but that in an interim period, the services of the ASTs might be called upon. There would, however, be an officer of the Authority in attendance at the next SACRE scheduled for 6 June 2011.

Discussion focussed on the following areas:

- SACRE's monitoring role
Since Lancashire had an outstanding relationship with its schools, monitoring could be done as part of that relationship. This needed further consideration. For example, Helen was taking this Issue to LASSH on March 18th. Support could be offered to schools but it would be up to individual schools to ask for it.
- Network groups
In future, these could be marketed, and a charge made in the same way as for other subjects. A marketed RE programme, however, was not capable of subsidising a full time RE consultant.
- The SACRE budget
A query was raised regarding whether supply cover would be available for primary and secondary teachers to attend meetings – it was not yet known whether this would be the case.

The Authority would continue to fund the support provided by Heather Warburton's office and some areas relating to NASACRE, for example membership fee and travel to conferences so that the professional development of the RE specialist could continue.

The Authority had not yet provided specific details regarding the budget as it had first needed to take into account what the SACRE felt it needed.

- Linking RE with other subjects
The Authority felt that RE should have closer links with related curriculum areas, for example, Pupils Personal Development and wellbeing and SMSC.
- Concern that the SACRE newsletter might be discontinued

When the management arrangements for the SACRE had been finalised, SACRE members agreed that the officer from the Authority attend meetings in order to feed issues back to the Authority and for its part, the SACRE would inform the Authority, whether or not the new arrangements were working.

Resolved: That Jonathan Hewitt be thanked for presenting the Authority's views on future provision of specialist support for the SACRE.

SACRE Self Evaluation Form, (SEF), Updated 18 January 2011

Members considered the SACRE SEF which had been updated at the last meeting of the QSS on 18 January 2011. Members noted that:

- With standards in RE falling nationally, it should now be a priority to find further ways of monitoring standards in RE in non Aided Lancashire schools in order to ascertain areas needing support
- In order to manage the partnership of the SACRE with the Authority, the Chairman would now write to the Authority asking for the timeframe which would see the implementation of the new management structure.
- That the locally agreed syllabus would be considered for adoption by the Authority at the Decision Making Session of the Cabinet Member for Children and Schools on 10 March 2011. The syllabus would then be launched on 25 March 2011 in conjunction with holding the Annual Youth Conference, at the Gujarat Hindu Society, South Meadow Lane, Preston. It was planned that it would be available in Lancashire schools that use the syllabus from mid May. It was also intended that some support materials would be added during the life of this syllabus to respond to need and changes of government policy.
- That £2000 had been set aside for Collective Worship and that the organisation, RE Today, would update the CD 'Mirrors and Doors' with exemplification.
- That SACRE would continue to find ways to contribute to the social and racial harmony agenda.

Resolved: That the updated SACRE Self Evaluation Form be noted.

SACRE Development Plan

Due to time constraints, members considered the SACRE Development Plan briefly, noting areas for update, and commenting as follows:

- Priority 2: 'Management of the Lancashire SACRE and Partnership with the Authority and other Key Stakeholders – Authority, Young People and Parents'. It was agreed that making effective links with parents to support RE provision was a local and national issue. Previously Clare Lomax of Fearn's High school had provided information regarding their success in this area and information had been disseminated via the RE networks. It was suggested

that parents could be encouraged to accompany students on school visits to allow them to encounter and consider RE and also that they could contribute to RE lessons. This was put forward as a possible future item for consideration by the Quality and Standards Sub-group.

- Priority 3: 'The Effectiveness of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for RE.' It was suggested that members think creatively about ways of offering training to schools.
- Priority 5: 'Contribution of SACRE to the Social and Racial Harmony Agenda.' The comment was made that the DIFA web site needed further development to facilitate better contact between faith groups and schools and that a greater number of contacts for inclusion on the site was needed.

The suggestion was made to invite the Minister for Schools to a future SACRE meeting to demonstrate the work of SACRE and to raise the question of how RE would be supported in the curriculum since it was not included in the proposals for the proposed English Baccalaureate. The QSS would ask the SACRE to consider this suggestion at its next meeting on 6 June.

Resolved: That:

- i) Areas for update of the SACRE development plan be noted and form part of a revision of the current three year SACRE Development Plan.
- ii) There be an item regarding parent's involvement with the SACRE on a future agenda of the QSS
- iii) The QSS ask the SACRE to consider inviting the Minister for Schools to a future meeting of the SACRE

Date of the Next Meeting

A date would be set in liaison with the Chairman before the next meeting of the SACRE on 6 June 2011. Members would be notified of the date set in due course.

As this was the last time Helen Harrison would attend the SACRE/QSS in her capacity as Lancashire Consultant for RE and Collective Worship, members joined with the Chairman in thanking Helen for all the work she had done over the years which had been of the very highest quality.

March 2011

County Hall, Preston

MEETING OF THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS SUB-GROUP

**CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CHRIST CHURCH PRECINCT, COUNTY HALL,
PRESTON**

Tuesday 17 May 2011

MINUTES

PRESENT

**Peter Martin
Kelsang Pagpa
Malcolm Craig**

Helen Harrison

Officers in Attendance

REPRESENTING

**ASCL (Chair)
Buddhism
Baha'i Observer**

RE Consultant

**Jill Anderson
Katrina Dale**

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from the following:

Kathleen Cooper, Lisa Fenton, Laura Heaton, Jonathan Hewitt, Helen Sage, Harsha Shukla, Bernard Stuart and Anita Tidswell.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 March 2011 and matters arising

With regard to the minute 'Future Support for SACRE' members discussed the following:

- With reference to the support which the Authority would continue to provide for the Youth SACRE and Youth Conference in 2011/12: it remained unclear as to how to progress the work of the Youth SACRE as resources would be limited. The suggestion was made that the hub of schools involved in the Youth SACRE could be brought together at a twilight meeting and asked what they thought would be a viable way forward.
- The need for closer links with the Lancashire Association of Secondary School Heads (LASSH) and the possibility of co-opting a member of LASSH onto the SACRE
- How training would be offered on the new Agreed Syllabus and whether the Network Groups could continue to be supported, possibly with help from NATRE
- That as yet no budget had been set for the SACRE

- Members welcomed the news that the SACRE newsletter would not now be discontinued

With regard to the minute: 'SACRE Self Evaluation Form' members noted that to make the new syllabus more accessible, further support materials and a section on Frequently Asked Questions were still needed. Also, that by the end of the Summer Term 2011, the organisation RE Today would have completed the update of the Collective Worship CD 'Mirrors and Doors.'

In considering the minute 'SACRE Development Plan' it was suggested that engaging with parents was an issue which ought to be considered by the full SACRE. Members noted that the DIFA web site still needed development and the further inclusion of faith contacts.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2011 be agreed as a true record.

Future support for SACRE

Members noted that Helen Harrison had been engaged by the Authority as RE Consultant for a period of up to 29 days for the year. Jonathan Hewitt would be the Authority's appointed officer to the SACRE.

Review of SACRE membership and attendance

Members reviewed the membership and attendance figures for the SACRE for the past year and it was suggested nominating bodies of members with attendance/capacity issues be contacted with a view to finding new representatives.

Resolved: That nominating bodies of members with attendance issues be contacted with a view to finding new representatives for appointment to the SACRE.

Review of progress of the revised Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for RE 2011

Members noted that training on the new syllabus remained an issue. Currently, teachers were able to contact Gill Sharples with any queries they might have, who then fielded the queries to the ASTs.

It was suggested that Academies ought to pay for any training they might request on the new syllabus.

SACRE Annual Report 2010/11

Members noted that the production of the SACRE Annual Report would be undertaken by Helen Harrison in her role as RE Consultant and that she would bring a draft version to the meeting of the SACRE on 26 September 2011.

Monitoring

It was unclear how the SACRE would continue its monitoring role. This would be considered by the SACRE at its next meeting on 7 June 2011.

SACRE Development Plan

The QSS considered and updated the SACRE Development Plan leaving the columns: 'Costing' and 'People Involved' blank at this stage until personnel and costing implications were known. The updated Development Plan is attached to the minutes.

Date of the Next Meeting

A date would be set in liaison with the Chair and the officer to the SACRE, to take place shortly after the next meeting of the SACRE on 7 June 2011. Members would be notified of the date in due course.

May 2011

County Hall, Preston

Priority 1: Standards and Quality of Provision of RE

Target: Develop partnership with CYP to monitor and evaluate the quality of provision for RE and 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 | Timescale | Costing | People Involved | Monitor | Evaluation |
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| <p>a) Work with officers in the Authority to develop initial plans and methods to gather and analyse data [commenced in 2009] (Need also for Annual Report)</p> | Ongoing | | | Further methods identified to gather more information about the delivery of RE and CW in County schools | QSS receives data from County identifies key issues from Fisher Fam Trust data and implements a variety of strategies to support individual schools |
| <p>b) Identify and implement further ways of raising the profile of RE [and the SACRE] in County schools to ensure understanding of the contribution of the subject to the whole curriculum inc. the new primary curriculum</p> | Ongoing | | | Opportunities for addressing Senior management groups | Feedback from Primary and Secondary CYP teams demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the Lancs agreed syllabus |
| <p>c) Gather information about the recruitment and retention of specialist teachers. Promotion of strategies to support teachers with other specialisms [TWOs].</p> | May 2011 | | | SACRE working with key partners promoting strategies to improve recruitment | SACRE informed of recruitment issues and ensures training is available for TWOs |

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| 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 | Timescale | Costing | People Involved | Monitor | Evaluation |
| a) Establish closer contacts with the Local Authority /CYP to link SACRE developments more with issues in the Learning Improvement Plan | Ongoing | | | Planning clearly linked to LIP | RE’s contribution to school improvement tracked |
| b) Develop further Youth Voice opportunities to inform and support the work of Lancashire SACRE | Review July 2011 | | | Reports from YP to SACRE of YV developments Model good practice established | SACRE establish effective communication with Young people's thoughts and implement recommendations |
| c) Develop links with parents to support the effective delivery of the Agreed Syllabus and CW | Review May 2011 | | | Web site link for parents | Web site receives a good number of hits |

Priority 3: The Effectiveness of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for RE [See also ASC dev plan]

Target: 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 | Timescale | Costing | People Involved | Monitor | Evaluation |
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| <p>a) Training to disseminate syllabus effectively into schools</p> <p>b) Continue to develop exemplification resource materials to support the delivery of engaging and challenging RE, drawing on teacher expertise and working with national organisations [NATRE/NASACRE/AREIAC] and RE experts [NB integral part of the Statutory Syllabus</p> <p>c) Create criteria to identify 'RE Good Practice schools ' to support the sharing of effective practice</p> | <p>2011</p> <p>Aut 2010– Spring 2013</p> <p>Ongoing</p> | | | <p>Syllabus received and understood by all Lancs County and VC schools</p> <p>New materials and exemplification available</p> <p>Criteria created – schools apply – good practice shared</p> | <p>Report back from network groups that the syllabus is effective</p> <p>New unit, assessment and examples of good practice made available on line</p> <p>Greater sharing of effective learning/management throughout the County. Schools working together to improve RE</p> |

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| Priority 4 : <i>Collective Worship</i> | | | | | | |
| 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 | | Timescale | Costing | People Involved | Monitoring | Evaluation |
| a) To disseminate and support the revised Mirrors and Doors CD | | | | | | |

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

Targets: 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 | Timescale | Costing | People Involved | Monitor | Evaluation |
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| <p>a) Further develop DIFA web site to facilitate better contact between schools and faith groups in partnership with Lancashire Forum of Faiths, Preston Faith Forum and the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre</p> | Ongoing | | | More information available on line | Hits from schools show use Network schools indicate greater number of v and v |
| <p>b) Further develop links to local authority initiatives promoting social and racial harmony – exploring links to national RESilience project</p> | Ongoing | | | SACRE receives reports of work linked to other LA /County community cohesion initiatives and considers ways to support | Partnerships established to support community cohesion aspects of the Lancashire syllabus in schools |

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| <p>c) Audit SACRE membership on an annual basis to ensure diverse and appropriate representation on SACRE</p> | <p>Nov 2011/12/13</p> | | | <p>SACRE has strong representation from all major local religious communities – including internal diversity</p> | <p>SACRE membership reflects diversity</p> |
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Agenda Item 8

Whitefield Infant School, Nelson

Collective Worship

Assessment for Determination to lift or modify the requirement to deliver collective worship that is wholly, mainly or broadly of Christian character

28th March 2011

Background

Whitefield had asked for a renewal of their determination regarding collective worship [CW]. Helen Harrison RE Adviser and Officer to the Lancashire SACRE visited the Head Teacher on 28th March 2011. Since the last application to Lancashire SACRE the school's intake has changed to 96% Asian heritage/Muslim and 4% Eastern European/Roman Catholic. No pupils withdraw from the current arrangements for CW. The Head Teacher, Mrs Cummins, explained that space was an issue and class and year groups gathered for collective worship – once the planned new buildings were available it was planned that the whole school meet together.

Review

The Head Teacher described an inclusive approach to CW which allowed children to encounter a reflective and spiritual experience through focusing on core values and principles that are universally shared. When the guidance and legal requirements were considered she agreed that she would map these to 'wholly mainly and broadly Christian worship' themes. She would also consult the Lancashire guidance for CW – Mirrors and Doors.

Conclusions

It was felt that the Head's approach to and planning for CW meant that there was no need for a determination.

Helen Harrison would send her the link and password for Mirrors and Doors

The Head would map provision against Christian values and principles

HH would report the visit to Lancashire SACRE for consideration

HH 29.03.11

