

## **Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)**

**Monday 18 June 2012 at 10.00 am at the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre,  
Burnley Campus, Barden Lane, Burnley BB10 1JD**

### **Agenda**

#### **No. Item**

#### **Part 1 (Open to Press and Public)**

- 1. Welcome by the Mayor of Burnley  
Councillor Charles Bullas**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Minutes and matters arising** (Pages 1 - 6)  
Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Lancashire SACRE held on 6 February 2012. Minutes attached at Item 3.
- 4. The Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre - The way ahead**  
Presentation by Afrasiab Anwar, Community Faith Coordinator at the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre.
- 5. Youth Voice**  
The RE Consultant to the SACRE to give a brief talk about the work of the Youth Voice.
- 6. Report from the Advanced Skills Teacher (AST) Primary**  
Verbal report by Jo Crabtree, AST Primary, of Brunshaw Primary School, Burnley.
- 7. RE Quality Mark**  
The RE Consultant to the SACRE to speak about the pilot scheme taking place for an RE Quality Mark
- 8. Report of the Quality and Standards Sub-group** (Pages 7 - 10)  
Minutes of the meeting of the Quality and Standards Sub-group which took place on Thursday 17 May 2012 attached at Item 8.

**9. Lancashire SACRE Development Plan 2011 - 2013** (Pages 11 - 18)

Members will be asked to split into groups to consider and report back on matters arising from the interim update of the Development Plan. Update attached at Item 9.

**10. Support for the SACRE 2012 - 2013** (Pages 19 - 20)

The Officer to the SACRE to present a report on support for SACRE 2012/13. Report attached at Item 10.

**11. National Update on Religious Education**

The RE Consultant to the SACRE to update members on the national situation regarding RE

**12. Observers' Contributions**

**13. SACRE members' news**

**14. Correspondence**

**15. Any Other Business**

**16. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting of the SACRE will be Monday 24 September 2012, to take place at 10am, at County Hall, Preston.

Members are asked to consider and approve changing the date of the summer 2013 meeting of the SACRE from Monday 10 June 2013 to Monday 17 June 2013 to fit better with the County Council elections taking place in May 2013.

R P Jones  
Assistant County Secretary

County Hall  
Preston

# Agenda Item 3

## Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6 February 2012 at 10.00am at the Vajravarahti Buddhist Centre, 38 West Cliff, Preston, PR1 8HU

### 1. Present

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

Roman Catholic Church	Ms J Busby
The Free Churches Group	Mr P Baker Mrs A Tidswell Mr C Wills
Buddhism	Kelsang Pagpa
Jewish Faith	Rabbi D Braunold
Hindu Faith	Mrs H Shukla
<b>Teachers Associations</b>	Ms J Crabtree (NUT) Mr D Fann (NAHT) Mr P Martin (ASCL) (Chair) Mr R Waring (ATL)
<b>Church of England</b>	Mrs J O'Rourke Mrs H Sage
<b>Lancashire County Council</b>	County Councillor K Ellard County Councillor P Malpas Mr F Williams
<b>Co-opted Members</b>	Mrs J Clarke (NATRE) Mrs K Cooper (LASGB) Mrs J Sawyer (Teachers in the Primary Sector)
<b>Observers</b>	Mr A Brennand (Pagan Federation)
<b>Religious Education Consultant</b>	Mrs H Harrison
<b>Officers in Attendance</b>	Mr J Hewitt Mr J Mynott Ms K Dale

Elaine Saunderson, representing the Religious Society of Friends, attended the meeting to make a presentation in support of the Lancaster Quaker Meeting's application for Observer status on the SACRE.

Five students from Hollins Technology College attended the meeting as representatives of the Youth SACRE/Youth Voice together with their teacher, Kate Murry.

## **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Miss L Fenton, Miss I Hussain, Mr S Jogi, CC Y Motala, Mr B McMullen, Mrs K Parekh, Mr C Pountain, Mrs J Singh, Mrs Y Taylor and CC A Thornton

## **3. Minutes and matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2011 were amended to show that Ms Jo Busby and Mr B McMullen had attended the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting of the Lancashire SACRE held on 28 November 2011, subject to the above amendments being made, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **4. Constitution of the SACRE**

### **i) Co-opted position on the SACRE representing higher education**

**RESOLVED:** That the proposal for joint representation on the SACRE for a co-opted member representing Teacher/Trainer in the higher education sector put forward by Edge Hill University and the University of Cumbria with the position being alternated on a yearly basis, with each representative serving one year on and one year off the SACRE, be agreed.

### **ii) Observer Status**

Mrs Elaine Saunderson spoke to the SACRE in support of the application by the Lancaster Quaker Meeting for Observer status on the SACRE. Members considered the application with regard to the protocol for granting Observer status to groups not already represented on the SACRE.

**RESOLVED:** That approval be given to Lancaster Quaker Meeting for Observer status on the SACRE.

## 5. Youth SACRE/Youth Voice

Five pupils from the Hollins Technology College, Accrington, attended the meeting and spoke to members on the following:

- Their film faith short 'Muhammad in Accrington – Inspiring Me' which was winner of its category in the Tony Blair Faith Foundation film competition 'Faith Shorts' and which was premiered at the Tony Blair Faith Foundation's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Film Shorts Film Awards at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) on 6 December 2011 in London. Faith Shorts is a global film competition providing young people with the opportunity to express their faith through film. In 2011 the Faith Shorts competition was open to young people between the ages of 14 and 18. Entrants were asked to submit a three-minute film that expressed, through their own words, how faith inspired them.
- The Tony Blair Faith Foundation's Face to Faith project involving video calls to schools world-wide in order to exchange information regarding faiths
- Progress made so far by the Youth SACRE in developing ideas for involving parents in RE. (The Youth SACRE had been asked to work on this to support the priority in the SACRE Development Plan – "to develop links with parents to support the effective delivery of the Agreed Syllabus and Collective Worship"). Several suggestions had been made, amongst which were the following:
  - A questionnaire, asking how parents would like to get involved in RE
  - A monthly update via parent mail updating parents on progress in RE
  - Inviting parents to take part in actual RE lessons
  - Inviting parents to join in school trips to various faith centres/places of worship

The youth SACRE representatives indicated that they would be happy to share their ideas with other schools and it was suggested that this could be done via conferences.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- i) Pupils from the Hollins Technology College be congratulated on the BAFTA award winning film faith short 'Muhammad in Accrington – Inspiring Me'.
- ii) Members of the Youth SACRE be thanked for their continuing hard work.

## **6. Report of the Quality and Standards Sub-group**

Members noted the minutes of the meeting of the Quality and Standards Sub-group which had taken place on 17 January 2012.

## **7. Support for RE and Collective Worship in Schools**

Members received a report regarding the importance of providing support for schools in developing RE and Collective Worship and noted that responsibility for undertaking training rested with schools themselves and that support for schools was largely marketed. The programme of support in Lancashire included:

- A suite of marketed training courses for primary, secondary and special schools on the new Agreed Syllabus and Collective Worship
- Work of the Advanced Skills Teachers – it was noted that funding would be available for ASTs for one further year. After that the Secretary of State envisaged the creation of 'specialist leaders in education'
- Marketed consultancy was currently available, provided by Helen Harrison.
- The Lancashire RE and SACRE website. It was reported that the website – an outstanding resource which was constantly being updated, was sought after by schools outside Lancashire asking to buy into it.
- Network meetings for RE Teachers. Jo Crabtree, AST primary, had suggested that a small number of meetings could be offered in each area of the county in Autumn 2012 and Spring 2013 at no extra cost to schools since Jo had offered to run them using AST time. Jo informed members that she would be very grateful for ideas of how best this might be achieved.
- A Primary RE Conference. It was suggested that a primary RE conference could be run in the Summer Term or early Autumn 2012 which would mean that support would be available to teachers across the year.
- The planned development of a Good Practice website where schools could share successful ways of teaching and learning RE.

## **8. Training for SACRE members**

Members considered proposals for training for SACRE members which the Quality and Standards Sub-group had drawn up at the meeting on 17 January 2012.

Training would be in two parts:

- Induction for new members – materials to include:
  - Letter from the Chairman of the SACRE
  - Leaflet explaining the role and responsibilities of Lancashire SACRE
  - Information booklet produced by the National Association of SACREs (NASACRE)
  - On-line links to: the Agreed Syllabus, (which would require the provision of the password), Mirrors and Doors, the SACRE Annual Report and the SACRE Development Plan.
  
- Ongoing training for SACRE members
  - Training to be provided through SACRE meetings and would include a review of training needs annually. Opportunities for training to include:
    - The provision of information on national developments relating to SACRE
    - Group work to enable SACRE members to share knowledge and expertise

**RESOLVED:** That the proposals, as set out, for the training of SACRE members be approved.

## **9. Protocol for School Visits**

Members were asked to split into small groups to discuss setting up a protocol for visits by SACRE members to schools to share in Collective Worship.

A number of suggestions were made by the groups, which would be given full consideration by the Quality and Standards Sub Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That the Quality and Standards Sub-group be asked to draw up a protocol for school visits by SACRE members to share in Collective Worship, with regard to the comments made by members.

## **10. Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development (SMSC)**

Members noted a paper by Alan Brine which set out changes in the Ofsted Framework for School Inspection with implications for RE and which had come into force in January 2012.

SMSC was to be considered as a whole school, whole curriculum responsibility and the SACRE could focus on the part that RE could play within the broader context.

## **11. Supporting the tenth anniversary celebrations of Building Bridges in Burnley**

Members discussed the request from Building Bridges in Burnley to help raise the profile of their tenth anniversary celebrations being held week commencing 18 June 2012. The proposal was to move the June SACRE meeting from 11 June to 18 June and to hold it at either the Town Hall in Burnley or the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre.

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to move the June 2012 meeting of the SACRE from Monday 11 June to Monday 18 June and to hold it at the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre in order to help raise the profile of the tenth anniversary celebrations of Building Bridges in Burnley.

## **12. Members' News**

Harsha Shukla reported that she had related the story of Hinduism in response to requests from schools in support of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development.

## **13. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting**

i) The date of the next meeting had been agreed as Monday 18 June 2012, to take place at 10am at the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre, Burnley.

ii) That members should inform the Clerk to the SACRE in due course if the following suggested schedule of dates for meetings of the full SACRE clashed with any religious festivals:

Monday 24 September 2012  
Monday 26 November 2012 (AGM)  
Monday 4 March 2013  
Monday 10 June 2013

Roy Jones  
Clerk to the SACRE

County Hall  
Preston



# Agenda Item 8

## Lancashire SACRE

Meeting to be held Monday 18 June 2012

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Quality and Standards Sub-group  
County Secretary and Solicitor's Meeting Room 1, Christ Church Precinct,  
County Hall, Preston**

**Thursday 17 May 2012**

### **Present**

Mr P Martin  
Mrs K Cooper  
Dr M Craig  
CC P Malpas  
Mrs E Saunderson  
Mr R Waring  
Mr F Williams

Helen Harrison

### **Representing**

ASCL (Chair)  
LASGB  
Bahá'i (Observer)  
Lancashire County Council  
Society of Friends (Observer)  
ATL  
Lancashire County Council

RE Consultant

### **Officers in Attendance**

Jonathan Hewitt  
Josh Mynott  
Katrina Dale

Officer to the SACRE, CYP  
Democratic Services  
Democratic Services

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Brennand, Ms J Clarke, Imam O Data, Mr D Fann, Mr F Farrell, Ms C Mercier, CC Y Motala, Mrs J Sawyer, Mrs J Singh, CC A Thornton and Mr C Wills.

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 January 2012 and matters arising**

It was noted that Mrs Kathleen Cooper had presented her apologies for the meeting on 17 January 2012 but that this had not been shown in the minutes.

With regard to the minute 'RE Quality Mark' it was reported that the pilot scheme was now well under way with the Consultant to the Lancashire SACRE engaged as a pilot assessor. So far, two primary schools in Lancashire had achieved silver awards with two schools still to be assessed.

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2012, subject to the amendment being made, be agreed as a true record.

## **Membership Issues**

The Officer to the SACRE suggested that the two vacancies on the SACRE for representatives from the Church of England Diocese of Bradford and Ripon and Leeds and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford be raised with their respective officers at the Diocesan and Church Liaison Group which was due to take place on 19 July 2012. It was noted that the new General Manager from the Lancashire Council of Mosques had recently contacted the Clerk regarding the Muslim representation on the SACRE to discuss the possibility of making a new nomination.

## **Arrangements for the SACRE meeting in Burnley on 18 June 2012**

It was noted that the Mayor and Mayoress of Burnley would welcome members to Burnley at the start of the next meeting which was to be held at the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre on 18 June 2012 in order to help raise the profile of the tenth anniversary celebrations of Building Bridges in Burnley.

The Officer to the SACRE will contact the new head of the Faith Centre, when appointed, with a request for them to speak at the meeting about the work of the Faith Centre and the potential for working with the SACRE in the future.

Any information produced regarding the week long celebrations will be sent to members when available.

## **Review of the SACRE Development Plan 2011/13**

Members were asked to consider and agree in principle a format which the Officer to the SACRE and the RE Consultant had drawn up for reporting interim updates of the Development Plan to the full SACRE. The format consisted of two additional sections for each priority:

- evaluation of the progress made to date and
- matters arising/next steps – (in the form of questions)

It was envisaged that the full SACRE, at its next meeting, will be asked to split into groups to each consider a priority. In doing so, the groups will work and report back at the meeting on the questions raised in the matters arising/next steps section.

**Resolved:** That the format of providing interim updates to SACRE on the SACRE three year Development Plan, as discussed, be agreed.

## **Training for SACRE members**

In considering the Development Plan in the previous item, questions had been raised regarding how RE sat within the curriculum and the SACRE's position regarding Collective Worship. It was suggested that the leaflet 'What is Lancashire SACRE' which explained what the SACRE was and what it aspired to should be updated and then be used as a starting point for a training item for all SACRE members.

It was also suggested that training needs for SACRE members could be discussed by the SACRE in group format at a future meeting.

**Resolved:** i) That the leaflet 'what is Lancashire SACRE?' be updated.  
ii) That training needs for SACRE members be discussed in group format at a future meeting of the SACRE.

## **Discussion of situation regarding lobbying for RE as a subject by the SACRE**

Members discussed the national position of RE against the decision not to include it as part of the English Baccalaureate. It was suggested that the SACRE would continue to share its views nationally whilst ensuring that the Cabinet Member for Children and Schools be kept informed of any intended course of action.

## **Attendance at Quality and Standards Sub-group meetings**

A further request would be made at the full SACRE for members with capacity to attend the Quality and Standards Sub-group meetings.

## **Support for SACRE**

The Officer to the SACRE presented a report on support for the SACRE for 2012-2013 which formed the basis of the bid for funding from the Authority.

This will be provided as follows:

- Administrative support in working with schools on RE and the Agreed Syllabus
- The provision of an Officer to the SACRE
- Specialist RE support from an RE consultant (29 days)
- Funding for the Youth SACRE and Youth Conference

Funding for Advanced Skills Teachers (1 primary, 1secondary) is expected to cease at the end of March 2013 and there is therefore a need to develop new means of support for the teaching and learning of RE in schools.

- Funding is available for one more year of network meetings and the expectation was that the AST primary would be able to build up a 'self help' group to take this forward but this would then have to become self funded.
- At primary level, the 'leading teacher' model could be developed – head teachers might be asked to make certain teachers available for five days a year to provide RE support in other schools
- At secondary level, there was the possibility of the appointment of a 'specialist leader in education' (SLE) but this would rely on secondary teaching schools identifying such a post

### **Date of the Next Meeting**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting of the Quality and Standards Sub-group was Tuesday 17 July 2012, to take place at 10am at County Hall, Preston.

Members also agreed the following dates for further meetings of the QSS:

Thursday 8 November 2012	10am
Tuesday 5 February 2013	10am
Tuesday 21 May 2013	10am

It was proposed that the date of the summer meeting of the SACRE in 2013 be moved from Monday 10 June 2013 to Monday 17 June 2013 to better fit with the County Council elections and that the full SACRE be asked to agree this at its next meeting.

May 2012  
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	People Involved	Monitor	Evaluation
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). Refer to NATRE survey for a national perspective	Ongoing	JH/Paul DK	Further methods identified to gather more information about the delivery of RE and CW in County schools. Monitor complaints	QSS receives data from County identifies key issues from Fisher Family Trust data and implements a variety of strategies to support individual schools
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	May 2012	JH SACRE members	Opportunities for informing senior management groups eg HTs, Governors and school advisors	Feedback from Primary and Secondary CYP teams demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus
c) Gather information about the recruitment and retention of specialist teachers. Promotion of strategies to support teachers with other specialisms [TWOs]	May 2012	HH training TWOs	SACRE working with key partners promoting strategies to improve recruitment & support of TWOs	SACRE informed of recruitment issues and ensures training is available for TWOs

<b>Progress</b>	<b>Matters Arising/Next steps</b>
<p>Data processed, analysed and made available in Annual report[s]. Launch of 2011 Lancashire Syllabus including training and Youth Voice work promoting RE/SACRE. Communication from the Chairman to all secondary schools and special schools deemed secondary, explaining the position of RE and the English Baccalaureate also raised profile</p>	<p>How to ascertain what the RE/Collective Worship (CW) issues are for our schools?</p> <p>How to work with the Directorate for Children and Young People (CYP) to support RE/CW?</p> <p>How to identify indicators of progress in RE/CW?</p>

**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	People Involved	Monitor	Evaluation
<p>a) Establish closer contacts with the Local Authority /CYP to link SACRE more effectively to the broader curriculum eg by taking information to the Creative Steering group [covers curriculum areas]</p>	Ongoing	JH	Planning clearly linked to curriculum development support	RE’s contribution to school improvement tracked
<p>b) Develop further Youth Voice opportunities to inform and support the work of Lancashire SACRE via Youth SACRE and explore other partners eg B &amp; P Faith Centre, Lancashire Forum of Faiths</p>	Review July 2011	HH	Reports from YP to SACRE of YV developments Model good practice established	SACRE establish effective communication with Young people's thoughts and implement recommendations
<p>c) Develop links with parents via the web site to support the effective delivery of the Agreed Syllabus and CW. Consider different models.</p>	Review May 2011	ASTs HH	Web site link for parents	Web site receives a good number of hits

<p><b>Progress</b></p> <p>RE is now referenced in the Service Plan and the Head of Quality and Continuous Improvement's role as SACRE Officer has brought the SACRE's business closer to CYP. Youth Voice work continues to be a strength, bringing schools, students, SACRE members and local faith communities together to develop the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus. Lancashire Youth SACRE's presentations to SACRE enhance this flow of communication. Y SACRE are leading on involving parents with Lancashire's RE</p>	<p><b>Matters Arising/Next Steps</b></p> <p>How to include a wider range of schools in the work of Y SACRE?</p> <p>Capacity to develop the web site in reference to YSACRE and parental involvement</p> <p>How to further involve SACRE members?</p>
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**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	People Involved	Monitor	Evaluation
<p>a) Find further ways to raise the profile of the 2011 RE syllabus including training to disseminate syllabus effectively into schools. Regular reminders regarding the implementation date Sept 2012</p>	<p>2011</p>	<p>HH Office ASTs</p>	<p>Syllabus received and understood by all Lancashire County and VC schools</p> <p>New materials and</p>	<p>Report back from network groups that the syllabus is effective</p> <p>New unit, assessment</p>



<p><b>b)</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><b>c)</b> Identify 'RE Good Practice schools ' to support the sharing of effective practice via self-referral and validation by 2 other schools</p>	<p>Autumn 2010– Spring 2013</p> <p>Establish system by Sept 2012</p>	<p>ASTs HH Lat Blaylock</p> <p>ASTs Networks QSS</p>	<p>exemplification available</p> <p>Criteria created – schools apply – good practice shared</p>	<p>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 and CW</p>
<p><b><i>[Target needs updating post Lancashire Agreed Syllabus (LAS) launch – also possible overlap with Priority 1?]</i></b></p> <p>Following the launch of the LAS training, the AST primary's network groups and questions/issues sent in via the web site have provided support and development eg network groups creating overview grids for Primary investigations. Lat Blaylock has continued creating investigations which are being put on the site. Lancashire's support of the pilot Quality Mark for RE will inform criteria of 'Good RE'</p>			<p><b>Matters Arising/Next Steps</b></p> <p>How to alert/support schools to the need to have the 2011 syllabus fully implemented by September 2012?</p> <p>How to support Secondary provision/gap in exemplification for KS3 in the LAS eg via Y SACRE work?</p> <p>How to develop and support schools via networking? Explore Leading Teacher programme opportunities?</p>	

<b>Priority 4: Collective Worship</b>				
<b>Target: Raise awareness of and support for the Lancashire Guidance for Collective Worship</b>				
<b>Intended impact: Schools deliver appropriate acts of Collective Worship that have a positive impact on pupils' spiritual development</b>				
<b>Action</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>People Involved</b>	<b>Monitoring</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>
<b>a)</b> To re-launch, disseminate and support the revised Mirrors and Doors CD	Disseminated to Lancashire schools By easter'12	HH	Support materials are available and feedback from schools is positive.	Spot check sampling
<b>b)</b> Create a redesigned area for CW on the RE web site	Summer 2012	HW		
<b>Progress</b>  The updated – Mirrors and Doors 2011 – now available on line under a password protected area. Training has not been taken up. Web site development has been delayed due to capacity and staffing issues.		<b>Matters Arising/Next Steps</b>  How to promote this resource/guidance to Lancashire schools? [also as a marketed item]  SACRE members are to visit and collect examples of Collective Worship  How to effectively develop/use the web site?		

**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	People Involved	Monitor	Evaluation
<p><b>a)</b> Rebranding and amalgamation of the 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 to create a higher profile	Hits from schools show use Network schools indicate greater number of v and v
<p><b>b)</b> Further develop links to local authority initiatives promoting social and racial harmony – exploring links to national REsilience project. Members to share aspects of their groups related to RE/CW via web site</p>	Ongoing	SACRE members  HW	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

<p><b>c)</b> Audit SACRE membership on an annual basis to ensure diverse and appropriate representation on SACRE</p> <p><b>d)</b> Offer marketed Services training for schools connecting RE/CW to Community Cohesion and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development</p>	<p>Nov 2011/12/13</p> <p>Summer 2012</p>	<p>JH and Chair</p> <p>Learning Excellence</p>	<p>SACRE has strong representation from all major local religious communities – including internal diversity</p>	<p>SACRE membership reflects diversity</p>
<p><b>Progress</b></p> <p>DIFA (Diversity, Inclusion, Faith, Achievement) site now linked to the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus which also has details of the work of a variety of Lancashire faith groups. After the SACRE was asked to support ‘Promoting Equality’ – Advanced Skills Teacher, Primary, contributed to a conference. SACRE members and local faith communities have contributed to the site and to Youth Voice activities eg Youth Conference at Gujarat Hindu Society. Y SACRE meeting at Islamic centre. Membership review has been a regular QSS item. A Primary Teachers’ conference is being planned for Autumn 2012 with a Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development focus</p>			<p><b>Matters Arising/Next Steps</b></p> <p>How to link more effectively with Interfaith groups eg Lancashire Forum of Faiths?</p> <p>How to encourage good attendance and activity from all represented faith communities on Lancashire SACRE?</p>	

## Lancashire SACRE Meeting to be held Monday 18 June 2012

### Support for SACRE 2012/13

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide support for the SACRE and the Agreed Syllabus Conference.

In order to support SACRE's work it is important that the following support is made available:

- Administrative support in working with schools on RE and the Agreed Syllabus
- The provision of an Officer to the SACRE
- Specialist RE support from an RE consultant

#### Administrative support

The administrative support is 0.1 of an administrative post to carry out the following functions:

- administration related to SACRE development plan implementation
- support the administration of the Revised Syllabus
- support the development of the RE website
- act as a named contact for schools to signpost schools to the RE consultant Officer to SACRE or ASTs **(0.1 FTE)**

#### Officer to SACRE

The Officer to SACRE is a statutory role and the duties include:

- Supporting SACRE in developing and implementing the Development Plan including identification of priorities
- Supporting the monitoring and evaluation role of the SACRE
- Advising the SACRE on matters relating to the implementation of the Agreed Syllabus and Collective worship
- Managing the work of the RE consultant **(10 days)**

The specific activities of the RE consultant include:

- Attending all SACRE and Quality and Standards Sub- group meetings
- Advising SACRE on issues relating to monitoring and evaluation and formulating the development plan
- Leading on areas related to the Agreed Syllabus, RE and collective worship
- Providing information on local and national RE developments relevant to the work of the SACRE
- Drafting and editing the Annual Report of the SACRE
- Working with the Advanced Skills Teachers to support the teaching and learning of RE in schools

- Supporting the work of the Youth SACRE and organising the Youth SACRE conference
- Advising on the further development of the Agreed Syllabus
- Working with schools requesting a determination in relation to collective worship **(29days)**

In addition to funding for the RE consultant funding is requested for continuation of the Youth SACRE and Youth SACRE conference, which enable secondary pupils to play an active role in the development of work in RE across Lancashire. The specific activity related to the Youth SACRE is as follows:

- 4 half day meetings of the YOUTH SACRE with representatives from up to 8 secondary schools. Costs include supply cover for teachers to accompany them to meetings.
- A 1 day Youth Conference to share issues in RE.