

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

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