



Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Monday, 7th October, 2019 at 10.00 am in Committee Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston

Agenda

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| 1. | Apologies | |
| 2. | Notes of the Informal Meeting held on 1 July 2019
Attached. | (Pages 1 - 6) |
| 3. | Final Draft Constitution and Terms of Reference for Lancashire SACRE
Attached. | (Pages 7 - 12) |
| 4. | Termly Update Report to SACRE and Example of Audit Tool
Attached. | (Pages 13 - 14) |
| 5. | 10 Minute Break and Networking Opportunity | |
| 6. | Agenda Items for the November Meeting
Verbal update. | |
| 7. | Provisional Dates for SACRE Meetings 2019/20
Attached. | (Pages 15 - 16) |
| 8. | Lancashire Youth Voice | |
| 9. | Correspondence | |
| 10. | Members' News | |
| 11. | Observers' Contributions | |

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the SACRE will be the Annual General Meeting held at 10.00am on Monday 25 November 2019 in The Duke of Lancaster Room at County Hall (Cabinet Room C) Preston.

Paul Bond
Clerk to the SACRE

County Hall
Preston

Agenda Item 2

Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Notes of the Informal Meeting held on Monday, 1st July, 2019 at 10.00 am in Committee Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston

Attendees

Teachers Association	Mr Peter Martin (Chair) Ms Julie Gordon (ATL)
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Church of England	Mr J Wilson
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Lancashire County Council	Mr F Williams
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Jewish	Mr Robert Ash
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Islam	Mrs Tibret Safraz
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Observers

Dr Malcolm Craig, (Representing the Bahá'í Faith)

Officers

Mrs A Lloyd – Advisor (School Improvement), Lancashire County Council, Children and Young People

Mrs M Mahmood – Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council, Legal and Democratic Services

Mr G Harbison – Committee Support Officer, Lancashire County Council, Legal and Democratic Services.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Ben McMullen, Mrs Harsha Shukla, Mr Kelsang Pagba, Mrs Joan E O'Rourke, Ms Lisa Horobin, Mrs Helen Sage, County Councillor Anne Cheetham, Mrs K Cooper, Ms Jacqui Price, Ms Julie Roper, County Councillor Yousuf Motala, Ms Sally Elton-Chalcraft, Mufti Javid Pathan and Ms Carolyn Reade.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 April 2019

The minutes of the last meeting held on 29 April 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. New Draft Constitution and Terms of Reference for Lancashire SACRE

Alison Lloyd, School Advisor, informed the group that the Terms of Reference and the Constitution had remained unchanged since the SACRE was set up 23 years ago. The new Constitution and Terms of Reference was presented to members for discussion. It was felt that broadening the representation on the SACRE would be beneficial and help improve education in schools.

A number of amendments were suggested for the Constitution and Terms of Reference including:-

- In section 9 'Voting', to add an additional point (e) In the event of a tied vote the Chair has the casting vote.
- In Section 3 'Terms of Reference, to add additional text to paragraph (f) The SACRE also has within its powers to discuss any matter related to its functions as it sees fit and may therefore include the provision of RE and Collective Worship in Academies and Free Schools in its discussions or address such matters as may be referred to it.
- Regarding the publication of the SACRE's Annual Report it was felt that it should be sent out electronically to the nominating groups as well.
- In terms of Co-opted members it was felt there should be a representative from primary education, secondary education, higher education, NATRE and the teaching association.
- Regarding Section 6(h) members were informed that copyright extended to all SACRE published meetings and then queried if section 6(h) was needed as the SACRE was a public meeting.

It was pointed out to the SACRE that the new Constitution and Terms of Reference would be submitted to Cabinet for approval. An updated version would be presented to the next full meeting of the SACRE for agreement by members of Lancashire SACRE.

4. SACRE Development Plan

The Lancashire SACRE Development Plan was presented to members. The plan set out SACRE's key priorities (KPs) for improvement over the two years from 2018 – 2020. Progress in implementing the plan was evaluated on an ongoing basis so that priorities could be adjusted and revised as needed.

KP1 was to raise standards by improving the quality of teaching, learning and assessment in RE. Regarding objective 1.1, the paper copy of the agreed syllabus was being revised. 35 of the 49 exemplifications had been rewritten. In terms of objective 1.2, there had been more SACRE school visits and the subject leaders in each school were now established and known. Teachers liked the progression overviews in objective 1.3. The task of objective 1.4 needed to be adapted to support schools in fulfilling the implementation requirements of the

new Education Inspection Framework. There needed to be an evaluation on all conferences regarding objective 1.5. Regarding KP1 steady pace was being made against the overall target.

KP2 was about the SACRE working in effective partnership with the local authority to monitor and evaluate standards and the equality of provision for RE in Lancashire schools. The evaluation of KP2 stated that Lancashire SACRE continued to use a range of methods to monitor the quality and impact of RE teaching across Lancashire. The next steps were to gather the views of pupils via Youth Voice and to consider a response using NASCRE guidance when a school was identified as not fulfilling its statutory requirements.

KP3 was about improving the provision of Collective Worship. Objectives 3.1 and 3.2 had not yet been addressed.

KP4 was to ensure that the SACRE was effectively managed and worked in close cooperation with the local authority and other key stakeholders. The SACRE evaluated itself on this. It would come back to a future meeting

KP5 was to develop the contribution of RE to Community Cohesion. It was noted that the new Service Level Agreements were about to be issued. There had been engagement this year with 28 primary schools and 2 secondary schools.

5. 10 Minute Break and Networking Opportunity

No break for networking opportunities was taken.

6. Monitoring Arrangements (End of Key Stage 1 and 2 expectations)

Regarding the monitoring arrangements concerning end of Key Stage 1 and 2 expectations, schools had been asked to send in their attainment data by the end of October. A questionnaire was also provided for schools to complete.

7. Building Bridges Update Report

Ms Sajda Majeed updated the SACRE on the work ongoing by Building Bridges in regards to schools that had service level agreements with the organisation. The SACRE was informed that 28 primary schools, 2 secondary schools and 1 college had all signed up to the Building Bridges project. Regarding the college, it was noted that Nelson and Colne College had merged with Accrington College.

8. NASACRE Conference and Cumbria SACRE Conference Update

Peter Martin, Chair of Lancashire SACRE, informed the SACRE that he and Alison Lloyd, School Advisor, had attended the NASACRE Annual Conference in Manchester on 22 May 19.

There had been two keynote addresses at the conference. One from Peter Bull on 'How can SACRE transform schools to become beacons of HOPE'. The other address was from Professor Julian Stern 'Uncertainty and Mortality: the two stubborn particulars of RE for cohesive communities.' The second presentation was about how RE addressed death and uncertainty. This presentation had been a valuable contribution and a leaflet on this presentation was provided to SACRE members.

Peter Martin had also attended the Cumbria SACRE Conference on 24 June 19. One of the presentations was from Dillwyn Hunt, National RE Consultant, on 'Mastering the Mastery Approach: Resolving the Assessment Dilemma in RE. There were afternoon workshops and one of these was on 'The Social, Emotional and Ethical Learning Curriculum' led by Jimi Slattery from Compassion Matters. A RE Ambassador for the North was also present at the conference. There was a presentation on why young people should commemorate memorial events and also a presentation on a school in Cumbria. Peter stated that it had been a very useful conference although it was noted that there had been no discussion on Collective Worship.

9. Lancashire Youth Voice

There was no update from Lancashire Youth Voice.

10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11. Members' News

Dr Malcolm Craig informed the Lancashire SACRE of a Bahá'í festival taking place on 27th October 19.

12. Observers' Contributions

It was noted that some SACREs around the country had Bahá'í members on them.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SACRE would be held at 10:00am on Monday 7 October 2019 in Cabinet Room B – The Diamond Jubilee Room, at County Hall, Preston.

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Lancashire County Council

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

1. Construction

In this document, unless the context otherwise requires:-

"The Act" means the Education Act 1996:

"The Authority" means Lancashire County Council:

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

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

2. Composition of SACRE

It is desirable that all members have an interest in education in general and in religious education in particular. The SACRE shall include representatives of the following groups:

(a) Representative Groups

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

- (i) Christian and other religious denominations which appropriately reflect the principal religious traditions in the area. In Lancashire these are determined on the basis of numbers indicated by the most recent census:

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

	Buddhism	1 representative
(ii)	The Church of England	5 representatives
(iii)	Associations representing teachers	4 representatives
(iv)	The Authority	5 representatives

(b) Co-opted Members

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

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

3. Terms of Reference

The SACRE shall have the following functions:-

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

teachers' associations) to review the agreed syllabus by convening a statutory conference in accordance with the provisions of Para 3, Schedule 31 to the Education Act 1996.

- (e) In accordance with Section 394 of the Act to consider applications made by the headteacher of any community school maintained by the authority or any foundation school which has not been designated under Section 69(3) of Schedule 20 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as having a religious character, whether it is appropriate for the requirement for Christian collective worship to apply in the case of the school or in the case of any class or description of pupils at the school. Such applications to be made by the headteacher after consultation with the governing body.
- (f) The SACRE also has within its powers to discuss any matter related to its functions as it sees fit and may therefore include the provision of RE & Collective Worship in Academies and Free Schools in its discussions or address such matters as may be referred to it.

4. Term of Office

- (a) Subject to sub-paragraph (c) below, each member of the SACRE shall hold office for a term of four years.
- (b) A member of the SACRE shall be eligible to be re-appointed for a further term.
- (c) The Authority may from time to time review the constitution and composition of the SACRE and any person appointed to the representative groups may be removed by the Authority.
- (d) A person appointed as a co-opted member may be removed by the SACRE.
- (e) A member of the SACRE may at any time resign his/her office.
- (f) On resignation or removal by the Authority, an appointed person shall be replaced by the Authority for the remainder of the term of office by another member.
- (g) Following non-attendance of a member at three consecutive meetings without apology, the SACRE will recommend to the LA that a replacement nomination be sought from the relevant nominating body.

5. Chairmanship

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

6. Meetings

- (a) The SACRE shall hold at least one meeting per year at which the annual report shall be agreed.
- (b) Meetings of the SACRE shall be held in public except where an item of business is being considered which involves the consideration of confidential information in accordance with the Religious Education (Meetings of Local Conferences and Councils) Regulations 1994.
- (c) For the purpose of suppressing or preventing disorderly conduct or other misbehaviour at a meeting the Chair of the SACRE may exclude any person from a meeting.
- (d) Public notice of the time and place of a meeting of the SACRE shall be given by posting it on the LCC website at least 3 clear days before the meeting.
- (e) Copies of the agenda for a meeting and copies of any reports for the meeting shall be available for inspection by members of the public on the LCC website at least three clear days before the meeting unless an item is added to the agenda to be considered as a matter of urgency or the report relates only to items during which the meeting is not likely to be open to the public.
- (f) After a meeting of the SACRE a copy of the agenda and any report which relates to an item during which the meeting was open to the public and a copy of so much of the minutes of the meeting as relates to any such item shall be available for inspection by members of the public on the LCC website for a period of 6 years from the date of the meeting.
- (g) For documents presented at the meeting which are in draft and/or for consultation and/or consideration by the members of SACRE prior to the final document being published members

will be able to withhold those documents from being published on the LCC website with the minutes of the meeting and other accompanying papers.

(h) The right to inspect any document shall include the right to make copies or to take extracts except where copying may infringe copyright.

(i) Observers at meetings of the SACRE will be invited to comment on discussion items covered by the agenda at the end of the meeting.

7. **Working Party**

In between full SACRE meetings, the SACRE may on occasions invite members to join a working party for the purposes of serving the work of the SACRE.

7. **Quorum**

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

8. **Voting**

(a) Subject to paragraph (b) below, on any question to be decided by the SACRE, only the representative groups shall be entitled to vote and each group shall have a single vote.

(b) For the purpose of voting, each representative group will elect a spokesperson at each meeting.

(c) In the event of a formal vote being taken, votes will be cast by the nominated spokesperson for each group. Arrangements will be made for each group to consider how its vote should be cast. the meeting shall, if necessary, agree a time limit for this purpose.

(d) The single vote of each representative group shall be cast on the basis of the simple majority view within each such group. A tied vote within a group shall be treated as an abstention by that group.

(e) If voting results in a tie or stalemate situation then the status quo will remain. The Chair does not have a casting vote.

9. Officers

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

10. Agreed Syllabus

The representative groups of SACRE other than Group (IV) may at any time require a review of any agreed syllabus. Each representative group shall have a single vote on the question of whether to require such a review.

The statutory duty on the Local Authority to establish and convene an Agreed Syllabus Conference to review the agreed syllabus is every five years.

The SACRE will provide the agreed syllabus materials and accompanying learning resources to academy schools, free schools and other authorities that use the agreed syllabus.

11. Constitution Review

The Lancashire SACRE Constitution was ratified by XXXXX on XXXXXX.

The Constitution will be reviewed every three years, unless legislation determines an earlier review.

Report to Lancashire SACRE: October 2019

- St Helen's schools are now using the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus. Training was provided for 34 primary schools and 12 secondary schools on 24th September. Training was well received.
- An RE audit tool, designed to support schools in meeting the requirements of the new Education Inspection Framework, has been created and will be shared at a training session on 10th October. An example will be shared at the SACRE meeting. The training will be well attended.
- KS4 training has been re booked for 7th November. This was previously cancelled due to poor attendance. Currently only 2 teachers are currently signed up. The course has been advertised extensively across the North West and personal invitations have been sent to all Lancashire Schools. Take up is disappointing.

RS Success GCSE: Improving Outcomes for GCSE RE: Better Thinking, Better Writing

Course Overview

This course will help you to improve outcomes for students in the GCSE Religious Studies, giving practical strategies for avoiding common pitfalls and for strengthening students' responses.

The course will include workshops such as:

- what can we learn from the results so far?
- making systematic study of religion exciting and engaging;
- approaches for tackling some of the trickier content;
- improving students' extended writing and evaluation skills; and
- help with Humanism (and other non-religious worldviews).

Angela Hill - National RE Advisor, RE Today Services: Angela has extensive knowledge of external examinations in Religious Studies in England and Wales. As well as being a longstanding examiner, she has provided training throughout England for Eduqas and has undertaken extensive consultancy and authorship contracts to support the reformed qualifications. She has also co-authored commercial textbooks to support the new GCSE in Wales.

Who should attend this course?

Teachers, KS4 Teachers of Religious Studies,
Lancashire Teaching Agency Teachers

Who is presenting this course?

Angela Hill

Course Fee

£165

Course activity reference:

REL202a

[Click here to book a place](#)

When is this course?

Thursday 7 November 2019,
9:00am - 4:00pm

Where is this course?

Broughton High School, Woodplumpton
Lane, Preston, PR3 5JJ

- Recruitment to a bank of RE lead teachers has commenced again. Interviews are to be held on the afternoon of 28th November at Broughton High School. We need to build capacity as currently all of the training is being provided by Joanne Harris and her time is stretched very thinly.
- Attainment/Questionnaire data will be collected at the end of October and a monitoring report hopefully provided for SACRE by the November meeting.
- Currently there are 6 exemplifications outstanding that need to be re written to match the new Long term Curriculum Map that drives forward the Agreed Syllabus. Joanne is taking 17th October out of school to write two more as the pressure is on to get these completed.

Provisional Dates for Lancashire SACRE and QSS Meetings 2020:

SACRE:

Monday 3 February 2020 10.00am

Monday 27 April 2020 10.00am

Monday 6 July 2020 10.00am

Monday 12 October 2020 10.00am

Monday 30 November 2020 10.00am

QSS:

Monday 13 January 2020 10.00am

Wednesday 18 March 2020 10.00am

Wednesday 10 June 2020 10.00am

Wednesday 15 September 2020 10.00am

Wednesday 4 November 2020 10.00am

