

**MINUTES of the meeting of Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) held at Committee Room 1, Shire Hall, St Peter's Square, Hereford HR1 2HX on Friday 18 March 2016 at 2.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillor J Stone (Chairman)

**Councillors:** EPJ Harvey and MT McEvelly

**SACRE members:** Carolyn Ault, Linda Barker, Venerable Tsultrim Tenzin Choesang, Anna Nugent, Sr. Denise O'Donnell, Miss A Taylor, Hannah Tong and Melissa Williams

**Officers present:** Lisa Fraser and Stephen Petts

**20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Angela Daniel and Kate Mayglothing.

**21. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)**

None.

**22. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 20 November 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**23. RESPONSE TO WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY)**

None.

**24. RELIGIOUS STUDIES EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR 2015**

SACRE received a presentation on the religious studies results for 2015 from the lead officer.

**Resolved: That the report be noted.**

**25. 2016/17 SACRE BUDGET UPDATE**

SACRE noted that the budget for 2016/17 would be £5,000. The budget had remained unchanged from the previous year.

**Resolved: That the report be noted.**

## **26. PLANS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2016/17**

SACRE noted a report on plans for professional development in 2016. During the discussion, the following points were made:

- That the 2016 primary school RE Conference would be held at Whitecross School on the 8<sup>th</sup> June, and would build on the launch of the agreed syllabus for RE in 2015. The day would follow one held in Worcester on the 7<sup>th</sup>, and as the counties had the same syllabus, schools should be able to attend one or other of the events.
- The secondary school conference would be held, in association with Worcestershire, at the Bank Hotel, Bransford.
- That there might be scope for doing a session on British values at the conferences in 2017. The initial meeting to plan the conference would be held at Whitecross on the 1 July, and the matter would be discussed at that meeting.
- It was agreed that there should be a strategy group meeting in July. Members who volunteered to join the group included Mrs Ault, Mrs Barker, Councillor EPH Harvey, The Venerable Tsuiltrim Tenzin Choesang and Mrs Williams.

**Resolved:**

- a) That the report be noted; and;**
- b) The strategy group would meet on a date in July, yet to be agreed, at Whitecross School**

## **27. UPDATE ON ANY NEW INITIATIVES IN RE**

SACRE noted a report on new initiatives in RE.

**Resolved: That the report be noted.**

## **28. UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2016**

SACRE noted a report on the United Nations International Day of Peace. During the ensuing discussion the following points were made:

- That the celebrations for International Woman's Day had been very successful, and it was possible that the event would be run in the future as a charity in its own right, rather than under the aegis of the Herefordshire Interfaith Group.
- This year, the Peace Day Service would be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm.

- SACRE was asked to suggest individuals to be invited to the event.
- It was envisaged that there would be a One World Week in 2017 in place of the Peace Day service.

**Resolved: That the report be noted**

**29. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING**

It was noted that the dates of future meetings were the 18 November 2016 and the 17 March 2017. Both meetings would be held in Committee Room 1, the Shire Hall, Hereford.

The meeting ended at 3.45 pm

**CHAIRMAN**