

Summary of discussions following the adjournment of the meeting of SACRE on 16 March 2018 due to inquoracy.

Membership

It was suggested that the clerk to the committee discuss potential teacher representatives with Mrs Barker.

It was suggested that the Hospital Chaplaincy be approached to possibly fill a vacancy. Contact details were available from Councillor McEvilly.

The current vacancy of a Hindu representative was queried. It was felt that this should be looked into as part of a review of the membership.

Guide for visits and visitors for RE

Some out of date information was contained in the visitors guide. An example was Maurice Rollnick who was no longer a member of SACRE.

Canon Anna Nugent asked for her details to be included as a contact for Churches Together.

The changes and updates would be advised to Lorna Philip and an updated version circulated.

It was suggested that the guide was emailed to all schools – to RE coordinators and head teachers.

Plans for professional development

The RE conference for special schools had been postponed until 3 July. The special conference flyer should be included in spotlight following the inclusion of the primary conference publicity.

Budget

A budget of £5,000 for 2018/19 was reported. The budget was spent on commissioning an external body, RE Today, to carry out the statutory functions of the local authority.

A point was raised regarding bidding for funding for specific projects through SACRE. The guide for visits and visitors for RE was highlighted as such an example. A potential project involving an interactive map online allowing visits to local places of worship was raised.

Update on new initiatives in RE

An update on the Commission on RE was reported.

Statistics which showed the level of funding provided by local authorities against pupil numbers was requested to compare the level of funding in Herefordshire. The detail would be looked into and an attempt made to produce statistics.

An exchange with pupils from other local authority areas was raised as a project which could be proposed to attract funding. The exchange could be conducted by video online. It was proposed that Neville Meredith was approached for any detail of funding available around community cohesion. Funding and willing volunteers were key; proposals which identified sources of funding could be considered and promoted by SACRE.

Date of next meeting

Arrangements for an additional meeting of SCARE for 29 June 2018 would be investigated.