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Minutes of the **MEETING of the RUTLAND SACRE (STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham on Tuesday, 9th January, 2018 at 4.30 pm

## **PRESENT:**

<b>GROUP B – Church of England Representatives</b>		
1.	Mrs Barbara Crellin	Peterborough Diocese
2.	Mrs Sara Barrett	Rutland Deanery
3.	The Revd Dr Peter Holmes	Peterborough Diocese

<b>GROUP C – Teacher Representatives</b>		
4.	Mr Patrick Toner	Religious Education teacher at Uppingham Community College – National Education Union (NEU)

<b>GROUP D – Local Education Authority Representative</b>		
5.	Miss Gale Waller (Chair)	Rutland County Council (Councillor)
6.	Mrs Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (Councillor)

<b>Local Education Authority Officers</b>		
7.	Ms Gill Curtis	Head of Learning and Skills, RCC
8.	Mrs Amanda Fitton	SACRE/RE Adviser, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Peterborough and Rutland County Council (Officer)
9.	Mr Kit Silcock	Support Officer, RCC

## **APOLOGIES:**

<b>GROUP A – Representatives of other Churches and Faiths</b>		
10.	Mr Andreas Menzies	The Roman Catholic Church
11.	Mrs Julie Barnwell	The Baptist Church

<b>GROUP C – Teacher Representatives</b>		
12.	Mrs Megan Davis	National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)

<b>Co-opted Groups</b>		
13.	Ms Katy Walker	Rutland Head Teachers' Forum

#### **486 OPENING PRAYER**

The opening prayer was read by Miss Gale Waller.

#### **487 RECORD OF MEETING**

The Minutes of the Rutland Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **488 MATTERS ARISING**

- i. Ms Curtis would put in the Headteachers Bulletin an article regarding blocked time for school trips.
- ii. Mrs Fitton notified the group that only those in Cambridgeshire could join the Cambridgeshire Knowledge Hub.
- iii. Mrs Fitton was able to get data from Cambridgeshire regarding how much time schools were allocating to Religious Education. Currently waiting to hear back from Rutland. Ms Curtis would keep on top of this and Mrs Fitton would send through details to Mr Silcock for circulation to the group.
- iv. All other actions from the previous meeting were confirmed as complete.

**ACTION: Ms Curtis/Mrs Fitton/Mr Silcock**

#### **489 AGREED SYLLABUS**

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. The next Agreed Syllabus Conference would be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018. It was expected that the final documents of the agreed syllabus would be put together.
- ii. Feedback so far had been positive, though there was concern that teachers would need more exemplars. There were a significant amount of teachers that were non-specialist so they may need additional support materials. Mrs Fitton suggested the RE Co-ordinator would need to sort the issue.
- iii. Feedback regarding the annual report had been gained from surveys, and network meetings, and having gone to schools that piloted the new syllabus.
- iv. The new syllabus would need to be approved by the Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Mrs Fitton would consult with Gill on how it should be presented.

**ACTION: Mrs Fitton/Ms Curtis**

#### **490 ANNUAL SACRE REPORT**

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. It was suggested that the lack of mention of Religious Education in Ofsted reports be mentioned in the annual report.
- ii. Mrs Stephenson and Ms Curtis offered their assistance to the Chair to write the report.
- iii. Mr Toner would ask his students if they would be able to provide feedback on Religious Education Mr Toner would also ask if there were any volunteers for

- speaking at a future Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel regarding Religious Education
- iv. Mr Silcock would look into getting the annual report on Rutland County Council's forward plan for a future Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel.
  - v. Ms Curtis would contact Rob Gooding, the executive head of schools, for quotes from his schools for the annual report.
  - vi. The Chair would ask Ms Katy Walker, Headteacher for Ryhall CE Academy, to write a section on the network. The Chair would also ask Ms Walker to speak to Ms Claire Hicks, RE lead at Ryhall CE Academy to provide quotes for a contribution to the report.
  - vii. Mr Silcock would send a copy of the previous annual report to Mr Toner and Ms Curtis.

**ACTION: Mr Toner/Mr Silcock/Ms Curtis/Miss Waller**

#### **491 DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Mrs Fitton would send out a copy of the Development Plan to get feedback from the group for the next meeting.
- ii. It was noted that a Multi Faith Festival would take place at Whissendine Primary School on the 29<sup>th</sup> January.
- iii. It was suggested that Mr Gooding could provide a write up of the event with pictures and that be included on the Rutland SACRE annual report. Ms Curtis would follow this up.
- iv. It was noted that Ryhall Academy would host a similar event in the summer. The Chair would talk to Ms Walker regarding a write up and pictures for the annual report.

**ACTION: Mrs Fitton/Ms Curtis/Miss Waller**

#### **492 OFSTED INSPECTION REPORTS**

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. It was noted that mention of Religious Education in the Ofsted reports was scarce.
- ii. Mrs Stephenson questioned whether SACREs should unite to get RE mentioned in Ofsted reports.

#### **493 JOINT SACRE CONFERENCE**

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, the agreed syllabus would be launched at the Marriot Hotel in Huntingdon; this would involve key note speakers and workshops throughout the day to help support teachers with the implementation of the new syllabus. The launch would be able to host 180, and would cost £75 for the whole day. Those hosting workshops would be able to attend for free.

- ii. Mrs Fitton would send a flyer for the event to Ms Curtis to put in the Headteachers bulletin.
- iii. Mrs Fitton notified the group that it could be possible for a couple of free tickets to be available for each SACRE group for members who wished to attend.

**ACTION: Mrs Fitton**

**494 ANY URGENT BUSINESS**

- i. Ms Curtis notified the group that the Rutland Teaching Alliance (RTA) were doing Schools Direct recruitment to bring teachers to Rutland, with a place available for Religious Education at a Secondary school. The RTA would contact schools soon.
- ii. It was noted that the next SACRE meeting would need to be changed due to the date falling in the school holidays. Mr Silcock would look into this.

**495 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would need to be changed from Tuesday 3rd April as it was during the school holidays. Mr Silcock would find an alternative date.

**ACTION: Mr Silcock**

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**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.58 pm.**

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