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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, 19th March, 2019 at 4.30 pm

PRESENT:

GROUP A – Representatives Of Other Churches And Faiths	
Mr Andreas Menzies	The Roman Catholic Church
Ms Aga Cahn	The Jewish Faith

GROUP B – Church of England Representatives	
Mrs Sara Barrett	Rutland Deanery
The Revd Dr Peter Holmes	Peterborough Diocese

GROUP D – Local Education Authority Representative	
Miss Gale Waller	Rutland County Council (Councillor)

Local Education Authority Officers	
Ms Gill Curtis	Head of Learning and Skills, RCC
Mrs Amanda Fitton	SACRE/RE Adviser, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Peterborough and Rutland County Council
Mr Kit Silcock	Governance Officer/SACRE Clerk

CO-OPTED GROUPS	
Ms Julia Ewans	Humanist
Mr Andrew Hull	Humanist

705 APOLOGIES

GROUP A – Representatives of other Churches and Faiths	
Mrs J Barnwell	The Baptist Church

GROUP B – Church of England Representatives	
Rev Rachel Watts	Peterborough Diocese

GROUP D – Local Education Authority Representatives	
Mrs Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (Councillor)

CO-OPTED GROUPS	
Ms Katy Walker	Rutland Headteachers' Forum

706 RECORD OF MEETING

The record of the meeting of the Rutland Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) held on 15 January 2019 was confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

707 ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- Mrs Fitton would chase up her Mosque contact to find out if they were interested in sending a representative to join Rutland SACRE.
- Mrs Fitton would also ask her Sikh contact regarding joining Rutland SACRE.
- The Agreed Syllabus was currently on the Rutland County Council website. Mrs Fitton would send updates through to Mr Silcock to upload to the website. Mrs Fitton and Mr Silcock would work together to make sure it was kept updated. Ms Curtis would include in the Education Bulletin that the Agreed Syllabus was on the RCC website and was being updated.

The Agreed Syllabus along with further information regarding Religious Education in Rutland can be found using the following link:

<https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-services/schools-education-and-learning/religious-education/>

- All other actions were completed.

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The Chair introduced Mr Andrew Hull to the group. He would be joining SACRE as the Humanist representative, taking over the role from Ms Julia Ewans.

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708 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Mr Silcock would include the Rutland SACRE Constitution on the Development Plan under the 'Management of SACRE & Partnership with LA' strategy. The Constitution would also be included on the agenda of the next SACRE meeting.
- ii. The Chair noted that as there was uncertainty as to whether she would be a member of SACRE after May due to the local elections, the Chair would go through the Rutland SACRE constitution and raise questions for the next meeting.
- iii. Regarding an engagement plan for how SACRE engages schools more widely, a small group of members from Rutland SACRE would put together an engagement plan for future meeting.
- iv. The Chair noted she had written to Rob Gooding, Chief Executive of the Rutland Learning Trust, asking if he would come to a future SACRE meeting to discuss SACRE and how SACRE can engage more with schools regarding religious education.
- v. The Chair suggested to Ms Curtis that on the feedback form for the RE conference in May, that a section be included for asking how attendees would like be engaged, along with what else could SACRE be doing and how they can contribute to the workings of SACRE.

- vi. Mr Silcock would amend the 'Effectiveness of Locally Agreed Syllabus' date to 'To be reviewed at each meeting'.
- vii. The list of visits and visitors for all schools had not yet been done, and would be acknowledged in the Annual Report.
- viii. The 'Review of Collective Worship' section date could now be changed to 19/20 rather than 'TBC'.
- ix. The RE Conference evaluation and impact on the development plan will be an item on the agenda for the July SACRE meeting.
- x. It was suggested that the previously discussed item for a future SACRE meeting regarding PREVENT be included for the October meeting.
- xi. The documents produced following the Ofsted framework consultation would be available in September. SACRE would review the documents in the October meeting.
- xii. It was suggested to have standing agenda item to review the effects of RE in the wider curriculum.

709 ANNUAL SACRE REPORT

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. The chair had gone through last year's Annual Report and updated it for 2018/19. The Annual Report would cover from April 2018 to April 2019.
- ii. Ms Curtis would go through what had been done so far and would include Ofsted and SIAMS inspection reports from over the past year.
- iii. Mrs Fitton would speak to Langham Primary School to get statements from children regarding their experience with RE.
- iv. Ms Curtis suggested presenting a video to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel when the Annual SACRE Report is taken, showing children talking amongst themselves about RE.
- v. Ms Curtis and Mrs Fitton had previously been unable to students studying media at Catmose College to record a video as the timings did not run with their curriculum.
- vi. Previously at Scrutiny Panels, students coming in to talk about RE had gone down well with the Scrutiny Members.
- vii. The Chair would speak with Katy Walker regarding getting input from Ryhall's ethics committee run by children of different ages.

710 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SACRE

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. The NASACRE conference would take place on Wednesday 22 May 2019 in Manchester.
- ii. Revd Holmes offered to attend on behalf of the members of Rutland SACRE and would be happy to report back to the group regarding the conference at the following SACRE meeting. Mr Silcock would make the booking for Revd Holmes to attend the conference.
- iii. An email from NASACRE was circulated to the group last week regarding the Ofsted Inspection Framework consultation. The Chair would fill out the consultation survey on behalf of the group.

711 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Mrs Fitton was waiting to find out the final figures of those who would be able to attend the conference and would then be able to confirm the workshops. Invitations had been sent out to Rutland Primary schools and other nearby counties.
- ii. The Chair stated she would be happy to attend and make the welcoming speech and would stay for the key note speakers.
- iii. Mrs Fitton would send details of the conference to all members of SACRE who were also welcome to attend.

712 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NETWORK

There had not been a Network meeting since the last SACRE meeting. The Chair stated she had attended one and appreciated the work being done at the meetings.

713 AGREED SYLLABUS

Mrs Fitton stated she had been working on a European project that looked at religion across Europe and was designed for KS3/4/5. Further information could be found using the following link:

<https://pathwaythroughreligions.pixel-online.org>

714 ANY URGENT BUSINESS

- SIAMS have a new framework, which was significantly different to previous frameworks and there was some concern that some schools were not comfortable with it as it seemed simply a box ticking framework.
- Mrs Fitton noted that SIAMS inspections had started again with the new framework. The Chair noted it would be useful to have someone come in to talk to the group about the new SIAMS framework in October before Rutland schools had been inspected and invite schools and governors to the meeting.
- The Chair thanked the group for their support and contributions over the past financial year.

715 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Dates to be confirmed at Annual Council

Tuesday 9 July 2019

Tuesday 8 October 2019

Tuesday 21 January 2020

Tuesday 17 March 2020

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

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