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Minutes of the **MEETING of the RUTLAND SACRE (STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)** held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, 27th April, 2021 at 4.30 pm

PRESENT:

GROUP A – Representatives of faiths (other than Church of England) and world views	
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Ms R Gibson	The Baptist Church
Mr A Hull	Humanists UK
Mr G Singh	The Sikh Faith

GROUP B – Church of England Representatives	
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Revd P Holmes	Peterborough Diocese
Revd J McWhirter	Peterborough Diocese
Mrs S Barrett	Peterborough Diocese

GROUP C – Teacher Representatives	
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Mrs M Davis	National Association of Head Teachers
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GROUP D – Local Education Authority Representatives	
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Mrs R Powell	Rutland County Councillor
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Local Education Authority Officers	
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Mrs A Fitton	SACRE/RE Advisor, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Peterborough and Rutland County Council
Ms L Papworth	Education Development Lead, RCC
Miss J Narey	Interim Executive Officer, RCC

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs K Walker, Mr A Menzies, Revd R Watts, Mrs L Stephenson and Ms G Curtis

2 RECORD OF MEETING

The record of the meeting of the Rutland Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) held on 12th January 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

3 ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Fitton, Revd P Holmes and Mr Hull confirmed that they had sent the notes/reading list to Governance for distribution but were not aware that they had been circulated. It

was agreed that Mrs Fitton, Revd P Holmes and Mr Hull would re-send their notes/reading lists to Governance for distribution.

ACTION: Mrs Fitton & Mr Hull & Revd P Holmes

It was also agreed that Governance would send Mrs Fitton's email address to Mr Hull and investigate if the reading list could be published on the SACRE website.

ACTION: Governance

The remaining actions from the previous meeting were included for discussion on the agenda.

4 ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

The final version of the Rutland SACRE Annual Report 2019/20 had been agreed to be sent to NASACRE. However, Governance could not confirm if this had been done or that it had been placed on the Forward Plan for presentation at a meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee as the former clerk had left the local authority.

5 ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

It was agreed that Cllr Powell would write the introduction to this year's annual report, whilst Ms Papworth and Mrs Fitton compiled the draft report ready for review/approval at the next meeting.

AGENDA

6 DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020-22

It was noted that the development plan sent with the agenda was not the current version.

The correct version was detailed in the Annual Report – appendix D – and it was agreed that Governance would circulate this with the minutes.

ACTION: Governance

7 UPDATE ON RE AND OFSTED

Ms Papworth informed the group that full Ofsted reports were not produced during the pandemic. Instead three monitoring reports had been completed for schools in Rutland.

- a) Brooke Hill Academy – 'Pupils are learning all the subjects in the school's usual curriculum'
- b) Catmose College – 'Pupils in Years 7 to 9 are studying the same range of subjects as in March' and more time had been allocated to personal, social, health and economic education and 'This has allowed pupils to share their experiences of the Covid-19 pandemic'.
- c) Whissendine CofE Primary School – 'Pupils continue to study all subjects in the wider curriculum'.

The conclusion identified from the monitoring reports was that RE was still being taught but there was no judgement made regarding the quality of the subject.

It was confirmed that Ofsted would return to undertaking full inspections in May 2021 and that Mrs Fitton would be investigating what a 'deep dive' into RE entailed.

8 UPDATE ON TRAINING AND NETWORK MEETINGS

The next network meeting would be held virtually via Zoom after the next half term break.

It was agreed that Mrs Fitton would send the meeting details/zoom link to Governance and Ms Papworth for distribution to members.

ACTION: Mrs Fitton

9 MONITORING OF RE IN SCHOOLS

It was confirmed that the monitoring of RE in schools had been completed and that it had been very interesting to discover what schools were doing. It was agreed that the subject matter needed to be tailored to the needs of each individual school e.g. a personalized curriculum rather than a generalized curriculum for all schools.

Mrs Davis stated that all the trust's RE leads worked together to compile a curriculum plan using the agreed syllabus which was then adapted by each individual school to suit their own requirements. The method enabled schools to plan and support each other with different areas of expertise.

It was agreed that Ms Papworth would contact schools to determine what RE training was undertaken and what RE training was required.

ACTION: Ms Papworth

10 AGREED SYLLABUS FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

It was reported that working with other authorities has been beneficial in previous years as it had enabled expertise to be shared and greater knowledge gained.

A discussion was had to identify the difference between the titles 'Religions and World Views' and 'Religion and World Views' and as to which title should be used in the agreed syllabus.

The previous methodology was that pupils were taught about various religions, but this way of teaching would be changing as it was not inclusive and more indoctrinating. It was agreed that RE was an educational subject and was about informing and not indoctrinating so the title should be 'Religion and World Views'.

It was agreed that Mrs Fitton and Ms Papworth would work with Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Local Authorities to produce a new syllabus and draft an action plan with timelines as to what needed doing and when for review at the next meeting.

ACTION: Mrs Fitton and Ms Papworth

AGENDA

It was also agreed that Revd McWhirter give an update regarding the syllabus at the next meeting.

ACTION: Revd McWhirter

AGENDA

11 NASACRE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Governance reported that the 2021 annual NASACRE conference and AGM would be held virtually via Zoom on Monday 24th May. The theme for the conference would be

'Authority in RE' and that the conference would run from 09:45 - 16:00 (with several little breaks).

Costs were confirmed as £30 for 1 delegate and £40 for 2 delegates. It was agreed that Cllr Powell and Revd J McWhirter would attend the annual conference. Governance to make the arrangements.

ACTION: Governance

12 ANY URGENT BUSINESS

It was confirmed that no message(s) of support had been sent from SACRE to schools during the pandemic but Ms Papworth confirmed that general questions/offers of support had been sent to all schools on a regular basis from School Improvement during lockdown.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be confirmed at Annual Council on the 10 May 2021

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

No.	Ref.	Action	Person
1.	3	Mrs Fitton, Revd P Holmes and Mr Hull confirmed that they had sent the notes/reading list to Governance for distribution but were not aware that they had been circulated. It was agreed that Mrs Fitton, Revd P Holmes and Mr Hull would re-send their notes/reading lists to Governance for distribution.	Mrs Fitton & Mr Hull & Revd P Holmes
2.	3	It was also agreed that Governance would send Mrs Fitton's email address to Mr Hull and investigate if the reading list could be published on the SACRE website.	Governance
3.	6	It was noted that the development plan sent with the agenda was not the current version. The correct version was detailed in the Annual Report – appendix D – and it was agreed that Governance would circulate this with the minutes.	Governance
4.	8	The next network meeting would be held virtually via Zoom after the next half term break. It was agreed that Mrs Fitton would send the meeting details/zoom link to Governance and Ms Papworth for distribution to members.	Mrs Fitton
5.	9	It was agreed that Ms Papworth would contact schools to determine what RE training was undertaken and what RE training was required.	Ms Papworth
6.	10	It was agreed that Mrs Fitton and Ms Papworth would work with Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Local Authorities to produce a new syllabus and draft an action plan with timelines as to what needed doing and when for review at the next	Mrs Fitton and Ms Papworth

		meeting.	
7.	10	It was also agreed that Revd McWhirter give an update regarding the syllabus at the next meeting.	Revd McWhirter
8.	11	It was agreed that Cllr Powell and Revd J McWhirter would attend the annual conference. Governance to make the arrangements.	Governance

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

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SACRE Development Plan: 2020 – 2022

Due to the closure of schools, rescheduling of meetings and revised priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic, progress against the development plan has been delayed this year and tasks will be carried forward into 2021-22

<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Progress</u>
Management of SACRE & partnership with LA	<u>Scheme:</u> The LA and SACRE are mutually dependent upon each other and ensure statutory requirements are met. <u>Analysis</u> 1. All four committees are represented fully from the local community consistently attending the meetings 2. Produce annual report & follow up 3. Constitution, development plan, engagement plan	SACRE members	Ongoing
Incorporation of Commission on RE Report recommendations into the work of SACRE	Form a view on the following- 1) Name 2) National entitlement 3) Impact of the broader OFSTED framework 4) Parental / guardian right to withdraw children from RE 5) Share view formally with the commission	SACRE	Production of recommendations to be sent to NASACRE
Raise the profile of RE within schools in Rutland	1a) <u>Monitoring:</u> Survey to identify what, when and how RE is currently taught to include the teachers' view and the view of the pupils. 1b) <u>Evaluating:</u> to determine what 'good' is and to develop a consensus of what 'good' looks like in practice. 2) Ensure full schools involvement and belief in the value of the subject by sharing best practice, access to training (including insight into choosing a curriculum that best suits our schools and delivers / on – line teaching resources)	Head Teachers' Forum / RE network / teacher representatives on SACRE	- Monitoring to include noting patterns of attendance at various of the network meetings (specifically by non – denominational schools) and SACRE - On – going reviews so more specific dates can be set and to include cross – curricular considerations as is appropriate

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