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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, Rutland, LE15 6HP on Tuesday, 13th October, 2015 at 4.30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

GROUP A – Representatives of other Churches and Faiths		
1.	Mr Andreas Menzies	The Roman Catholic Church

GROUP B – Church of England Representatives		
2.	Mrs Barbara Crellin	Peterborough Diocese

GROUP C – Teacher Representatives		
3.	Mr Neil Rawes (rep. Mr Carl Smith)	Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)

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

Local Education Authority Officers		
5.	Dr Rashida Sharif	Rutland County Council (Officer)
6.	Miss Jane Narey	Clerk

APOLOGIES:

GROUP A – Representatives of other Churches and Faiths		
7.	Mrs Eileen Ray	The Methodist Church

GROUP B – Church of England Representatives		
8.	Mr Michael Kee	Peterborough Diocese
9.	Rev Jane Baxter	Rutland Deanery
10.	Mrs Joanna Harley	Rutland Deanery

GROUP C – Teacher Representatives		
11.	Mr David Sharpe	Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)
12.	Mr Carl Smith	Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)

GROUP D – Local Education Authority Representative		
13.	Mrs Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (Councillor)

Co-opted Groups		
14.	Mrs Sarah Reseigh	Unison (representing Teaching Assistants)
15.	Mrs Megan Davis	Rutland Headteachers' Forum

1 OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was read by Mr Andreas Menzies.

2 RECORD OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Rutland Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) committee held on the 15th July 2015, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

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Mr Neil Rawes joined the meeting at 4.38 p.m.

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3 ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- a) Dr Sharif reported that she was awaiting confirmation from the NASUWT as to who their representative would be.

AGREED:

1. Dr Sharif would contact Carol Snell, HR Advisor at Rutland County Council for details regarding the union representatives for the NUT, the NAHT, the VOICE and also Unison as it was believed that Sarah Reseigh was no longer available.
2. Dr Sharif would contact Megan Davis to see if it would be ok for her to attend future meetings as the NAHT representative and then contact Katy Walker, the Headteacher at Ryhall Church of England Academy to ask if she would attend future SACRE meetings as the representative of Rutland's Headteachers' Forum.

ACTION: Dr Rashida Sharif

3. Mr Rawes confirmed that he would speak to Jonathan Watt to see if he had contacted the NASUWT regarding representation at Rutland SACRE meetings.

ACTION: Mr Neil Rawes

- b) Dr Sharif confirmed that the Rutland SACRE website was now up and running and that she had received positive feedback from schools regarding the new site.
- c) Miss Waller reported that she had not, as yet, sent any letters to the schools but would like to know if any of the schools had applied for the RE Quality Mark before she wrote to them.

Dr Sharif reported that she would ask if School Improvement Officers would include RE in their discussions with schools.

AGREED:

1. Dr Sharif would check if the schools had applied for the RE Quality Mark and notify Miss Waller.

ACTION: Dr Rashida Shariff

2. Miss Waller would visit Oakham Church of England Primary School following their recent OfSTED inspection and the good work done by the new Headteacher, Mr Cox.

ACTION: Miss Gale Waller

- d) Miss Narey confirmed that the wording in paragraph 4 on the first page of the Constitution had been amended from 'elected' to 'appointed'.
- e) Dr Sharif confirmed that she had circulated the RE short course results for Catmose College.
- f) Miss Waller reported that no letters had been sent as they would have been about the 2014 RE results and not the 2015 RE results, which had now been received.

AGREED:

1. Miss Waller would send letters to the Headteachers of Uppingham Community College and Casterton College Rutland (née Casterton Business and Enterprise College) regarding their 2015 RE results.

ACTION: Miss Gale Waller

- g) Miss Narey reported that a 'Completion Date' column had been added to the Development Plan.
- h) Miss Waller confirmed that a meeting had taken place to discuss the OfSTED SACRE Self Evaluation Plan and would be discussed later in the meeting.
- i) Miss Waller reported that she would contact Northamptonshire SACRE board regarding her attendance at a future meeting as per their invitation.

ACTION: Miss Gale Waller

4 OFSTED INSPECTION REPORTS

No OfSTED inspection reports had been received since the last meeting.

5 2015 RE RESULTS

Details of the RE 2015 results for Catmose College, Casterton College, Rutland and Uppingham Community College were distributed to attendees by Dr Rashida Sharif.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) The results for 2015 were good.
- b) The RE short course would be ending in 2016.
- c) The RE Studies course would be renamed as 'Philosophy & Ethics'.

AGREED:

1. Cllr Waller would write to all 3 schools congratulating them on their RE results.

2. Cllr Waller would lobby Sir Alan Duncan, MP for RE to be put on the humanities group of subjects as an option within secondary schools.

ACTION: Miss Gale Waller

6 SCHOOLS' STAFF SURVEY

Dr Sharif distributed to attendees a draft schools' staff survey entitled 'What can SACRE do for you?'

During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) The survey would be sent directly to all RE Co-ordinators with a 2-week completion date.
- b) The paragraph 'We are keen...' should be amended to read 'We are planning...'
- c) A text box should be added to ask for people's preference for a network meeting – early December 2015 or January 2016?
- d) The survey should be on Rutland SACRE letterhead.
- e) The survey should state that the completed form must be returned to Dr Sharif.

AGREED:

1. Dr Sharif would make the above amendments to the survey form.
2. Dr Sharif and Mr Rawes would compile national comparative data for the next meeting.

ACTION: Dr Rashida Sharif and Mr Neil Hawes

7 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

It was proposed by Mrs Crellin that Miss Waller would continue in her role as Chair and that Mr Menzies should become the Vice-Chair. The proposal was seconded by Mr Rawes.

AGREED:

1. Miss Waller would be Chair of the Rutland SACRE for 2015-2016.
2. Mr Menzies would be Vice-Chair of the Rutland SACRE for 2015-2016.

8 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

An updated copy of the development plan was received from the Chair.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) Full membership had not been established but the meetings were now quorate. Completion date: summer 2015
- b) The Development Plan 2015/16 had been finalised. Completion date: summer 2015 with some minor amendments.
- c) The Rutland SACRE Annual Report 2013/14 had been presented at the RCC People (Children) Scrutiny Panel in April 2015 for feedback. Completion date: April 2015.
- d) The survey of schools would be carried out in the very near future. Completion date: autumn 2015.

- e) A meeting to discuss the self-evaluation form had been held. Completion date: ongoing
- f) RE teachers' network as yet to be established. First meeting to be held early December 2015 or January 2016. Completion date: ongoing
- g) Northamptonshire's syllabus had not yet been agreed. Completion date: ongoing.
- h) Rutland SACRE website had been established. Completion date: summer 2015.
- i) SACRE conference: it was agreed not go ahead with the conference until the RE teachers' network had been established.
- j) Assessment: changes to the RE curriculum had yet to be confirmed. Completion date: ongoing.

AGREED:

1. Dr Sharif would use last year's annual report to start drafting this year's annual report.
2. The annual report would include the following:
 - i) Statements from Harington School 'A' Level RE pupils. Dr Sharif to contact the Headteacher.
ACTION: Dr Rashida Sharif
 - ii) Statements from the RE pupils at Ryhall Church of England Primary School, St. Mary and St. John Church of England Primary School, Brooke Hill Academy, Oakham Church of England Primary School and Empingham Church of England Primary School. Miss Waller to contact the relevant Headteachers.
ACTION: Miss Gale Waller
 - iii) A case study from Casterton College, Rutland.
ACTION: Mr Neil Rawes
 - iv) A statement, including positive comments, regarding the agreed syllabus and the new website.
ACTION: Mrs Megan Davis
3. Mrs Crellin would update/amend the self-evaluation form and email the first draft to members for comments.
ACTION: Mrs Barbara Crellin

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Mrs Barbara Crellin left the meeting at 5.58 p.m.

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9 FEEDBACK FROM THE NASACRE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mr Menzies gave a verbal update on his report to attendees on the NASACRE annual conference held on the 21st May 2015.

AGREED

1. The NASACRE Annual Conference 2016 would be added to the next agenda.

AGENDA

10 ANY URGENT BUSINESS

None

11 ADDITIONAL MEETING?

AGREED:

1. An additional meeting would not be held at this moment in time but the Rutland SACRE Annual Report 2014/15 would be discussed at the next meeting.

2. Mr Rawes to ask Mr Carl Smith if he would present the Rutland SACRE Annual Report 2014/15 at the RCC People (Children) Scrutiny Panel on the 28th April 2016. Dr Sharif would write the cover sheet for the scrutiny panel meeting.

AGENDA

ACTION: Mr Neil Rawes and Dr Rashida Sharif

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The dates of the next meetings were agreed as:

- Tuesday, 12th January 2016
- Tuesday, 5th April 2016

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The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.17 p.m.

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