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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, 12th January, 2016 at 4.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

GROUP C – Teacher Representatives		
2.	Mr Neil Rawes (rep. Mr Carl Smith)	Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)
3.	Mr David Sharpe	Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)
4.	Mrs Megan Davis	National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)

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

Co-opted Groups		
7.	Ms Katy Walker	Rutland Headteachers' Forum

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

APOLOGIES:

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

GROUP B – Church of England Representatives		
11.	Mr Michael Kee	Peterborough Diocese
12.	Mrs Barbara Crellin	Peterborough Diocese
13.	Rev Jane Baxter	Rutland Deanery
14.	Mrs Joanna Harley	Rutland Deanery

GROUP C – Teacher Representatives		
15.	Mr Carl Smith	Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)
16.	Mrs Sue McGrath	Secondary Consortium
17.	Mrs Kay Smith	Co-opt Primary Head

18.	Mrs Rebecca Grey	Co-opt Primary Head
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Co-opted Groups		
19.	Mrs Sarah Reseigh	Unison (representing Teaching Assistants)

1 **OPENING PRAYER**

The opening prayer was read by Mr Andreas Menzies.

2 **RECORD OF MEETING**

The following corrections were requested to be made to the minutes of the meeting of the Rutland Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) committee held on the 13th October 2015:

Item 3, a), 1: 'the VOICE' should be amended to 'VOICE'.

Item 5, b): The RE short course would NOT be ending in 2016.

Item 5, c): The RE Studies course would NOT be renamed as 'Philosophy & Ethics'.

The remaining minutes, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3 **ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. Dr Sharif reported that Megan Davis would attend future meetings as the NAHT representative and Katy Walker would attend as the representative of Rutland's Headteachers' Forum.
2. Mr Rawes reported that Jonathan Watt was unable to commit as the NASUWT representative at future SACRE meetings. However, Dr Sharif reported that Mr Ritchie Gale from Catmose College had agreed to attend as the representative of the National Union of Teachers (NUT).

AGREED:

1. Dr Sharif would email Mr Gale's contact details to Miss Waller so a formal letter of invitation could be sent.

ACTION: Dr Sharif & Miss Waller

3. Dr Sharif reported that no schools had applied for the RE Quality Mark.
4. Miss Waller reported that she would visit Oakham Church of England Primary School on the 27th January 2016 and that she would also be visiting St Mary and St John Church of England Primary School.
5. Miss Waller reported that letters had been sent to the Headteachers of Uppingham Community College and Casterton College Rutland (née Casterton Business and Enterprise College) regarding their 2015 RE results but no responses had been received.

- Miss Waller reported that she had contacted Northamptonshire SACRE board regarding her attendance at a future meeting as per their invitation and was awaiting their response.
- Miss Waller reported she had not written to Sir Alan Duncan, MP but instead proposed writing to Baroness Shirley Williams of Crosby, regarding raising the profile of SACRE's.

AGREED:

- Miss Waller would write to Baroness Williams regarding raising the profile of SACRE, with a copy to Sir Alan Duncan, MP.

ACTION: Miss Waller

- Dr Sharif stated that the changes would be made to the survey form as requested.

AGREED:

- Mr Menzies would add some additional wording to the survey form before it was issued.

ACTION: Mr Menzies

- The Clerk would email the survey form to members for comments (deadline 22/01/16) and then circulate to schools' RE representatives on the 25/01/16.

ACTION: Miss Narey

- Dr Sharif distributed details of Casterton College Rutland's RE GCSE short and full course results to attendees.

AGREED:

- Dr Sharif would notify Mr Sharpe which GCSE boards Casterton College Rutland and Rutland County College used.

ACTION: Dr Sharif

- Dr Sharif reported that she had obtained statements from Harington School 'A' Level RE pupils.
Ms Walker stated that some statements from RE pupils from primary schools had received but no response had been received from Empingham, Brooke Hill or Exton Primary Schools.
Dr Sharif distributed to attendees a case study from Casterton College Rutland.
Mrs Davis reported she had sent a statement for the annual report, including positive comments, regarding the agreed syllabus and the new website to Dr Sharif.

AGREED:

- Ms Walker would contact Empingham Primary School, Miss Waller would contact Brooke Hill Primary School and Mrs Davis would contact Exton Primary School for statements from their RE pupils for the Annual Report.

ACTION: Ms Walker, Miss Waller, Mrs Davis

- Dr Sharif would email members the statement received from Mrs Davis for the annual report.

ACTION: Dr Sharif

- ACTION ONGOING:** Mrs Crellin would update/amend the self-evaluation form and email the first draft to members for comments.

ACTION: Mrs Crellin

12. Mr Rawes confirmed that Mr Carl Smith would present the Rutland SACRE Annual Report 2014/15 to the RCC People (Children) Scrutiny Panel on the 28th April 2016.

AGREED:

1. Mr Smith would present the SACRE Annual Report 2014/15 on behalf of Secondary Schools and Ms Walker or Mrs Davis would present on behalf of Primary Schools at the RCC People (Children) Scrutiny Panel on the 28th April 2016.

ACTION: Mr Smith, Ms Walker, Mrs Davis

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Mr Neil Rawes left the meeting at 5.32 p.m.

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4 OFSTED INSPECTION REPORTS

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

5 NASACRE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016

AGREED:

1. Mr Menzies would attend the NASACRE Annual Conference being held in the Central Hall Westminster on Tuesday, 17th May 2016.

6 RUTLAND SACRE ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

A discussion was held regarding the annual report.

AGREED:

1. The School Improvement Strategic Plan would be discussed at the next meeting.
2. Miss Waller would draft a paragraph from the letter by Lord Nash and send to Miss Narey for inclusion in the Annual Report.

AGENDA

ACTION: Miss Waller

7 COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

A discussion was held regarding Collective Worship, which needs to be included in the Annual Report.

AGREED:

1. Ms Walker and Mrs Davis would produce details of the ways primary and secondary schools approach collective worship for discussion at the next meeting.

ACTION: Ms Walker and Mrs Davis

AGENDA

8 ACTION/DEVELOPMENT PLAN

This item would be carried forward for discussion at the next meeting.

10 ANY URGENT BUSINESS

- a) Mr Sharpe reported that there was no approved GCSE syllabus for 2018.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETNG:

- a) The next meeting was due to be held on the 5th April 2016 but this would be during the school holidays. Should the meeting be moved to Tuesday, 19th April 2016?

AGREED:

1. The next meeting would be held on the 17th March 2016, 4.30 – 6.30 p.m. in the Martinsley Room at Rutland County Council.

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The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.26 p.m.

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