

NORFOLK STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

SACRE MEETING
Tuesday 29 November 2022 at 1.00pm
Via Zoom

Minutes

Present:

Committee A (Representatives of faiths and beliefs): John Turner (JT) Deborah Carpenter (DC) Naegeen Noorani (NN) Gayatri Verma (GV) Jane Green (JG)	Committee D (Representatives of the LA): Cllr John Ward (JW) Cllr Brenda Jones (BJ)
Committee B (Representatives of Church of England): John Semmens (JS), Chair	Co-opted Members: Janet Marshall (JM)
Committee C (Representatives of the Teachers' Associations): Sue Paice (SP), Vice-Chair Chris Allen (CA)	Advisers: Clerk: Christopher Perry-Yates (CPY) NCC: Jill Duman (JD) In Attendance: -
Apologies received: Helen Jacquet (HJ) Jennie Warner (JW) Clare Williams (CW) Simon Oldfield (SO)	Not in attendance: Cllr Ian Mackie (IM) Cllr Michael Chenery (MC)

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1.	Welcome and introductions: All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.		
2.	Apologies: Apologies had been received from Helen Jacquet, Clare Williams, Simon Oldfield and Jennifer Warner.		

	The clerk advised that the meeting was quorate.		
3.	New members of SACRE: Naegeen Noorani was welcomed as the new Baha'i representative.		
4.	Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March and 12 July 2022: The minutes of the previous meetings on 29 March 2022 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting. Proposed: JW Seconded: SP All voted in favour with no abstentions. The minutes of the previous meetings on 12 July 2022 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting. Proposed: CA Seconded: JG All voted in favour with no abstentions.		
5.	Matters arising: The action points from the previous meeting were reviewed. It was agreed that the Chair should approach NCC to identify an RE Adviser. All other actions were noted as completed. <i>Conference feedback and mail shot discussion</i> It was agreed that a feedback form following the conference should be circulated to identify any comments and feedback on ideas for the next conference. It was noted that there had been positive verbal feedback from all those who attended. SACRE agreed that it was important to keep channels of communication with the Muslim representative to ensure wide interfaith coverage and to ensure that teachers were equipped to teach about Islam in the syllabus. ACTION: Chair to discuss creation and implementation of a feedback form following the conference held in July 2022. <i>Letter to schools concerning proposal from Norfolk Jewish Congregation</i> The Chair advised that he and the Vice-Chair would write a letter to inform all parties involved that a communication would be sent out to all schools following the approach from the Messianic Jewish Community. It was agreed that SACRE should be more proactive in inviting unrepresented faith groups to nominate a representative to SACRE.	JS	16/12/22

6.	<p>Other business:</p> <p><i>Election of Chair</i> The clerk advised that there had been one nomination received prior to the meeting for John Semmens to be elected Chair of Norfolk SACRE.</p> <p>John Semmens was formally proposed as Chair. Proposed: JT Seconded: JW All voted in favour with no abstentions.</p> <p><i>Conference 2023 discussion</i> Norfolk SACRE agreed that a further conference should be held in Summer 2023 as the momentum had been built. It was noted that the 2022 conference had almost broken even and there would be funds available from the 2022-23 budget and the new 2023-24 budget.</p> <p>It was agreed to form a working party consisting of: JT, CA, JM, DC and JS.</p> <p><i>[Deborah Carpenter left the meeting at 1.28pm]</i></p> <p>SACRE agreed to approach UEA as the venue.</p> <p>It was suggested approaching a guest speaker to provide inspiration on what can teachers do to gain further qualifications. It was suggested that UEA and Kathryn Wright should be approached.</p> <p>ACTION: CA to contact UEA for names of someone who could provide a conference session on what teachers could do to gain further qualifications.</p> <p>The Chair advised that there had been further approaches from local authority SACREs to use the Norfolk Agreed Syllabus. It was noted that the money received could be used to fund an RE Adviser.</p> <p>It was suggested that a business case could be submitted to John Crowley.</p> <p>ACTION: JS and JD to liaise to put together a business case for SACRE to fund its own RE Adviser through selling the use of the Norfolk Agreed Syllabus.</p> <p>SACRE noted the pressure on schools with the focus that was being placed on RE curriculum provision and how it prepared children for understanding the world around them and for life in general.</p> <p>An overview of Regional RE Hubs was provided to those in attendance. It was noted that the hubs had a specific focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve communication between teachers, professional development and resource providers, and research communities • To improve connections and interactions between different parts of the RE/R&W Eco-System 	CA	16/12/22
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be an information exchange to increase accessibility for all teachers to local and regional professional development and research To enable teachers to teach with greater confidence through their access to the support, knowledge, training and resources available in their region. To create a sustainable long-term model for future provision <p>It was agreed that it would be useful for SACRE to receive regular updates about the Regional RE Hubs.</p> <p>Website project It was agreed that further work should be carried out on a Norfolk SACRE website to direct enquiries to sources of information.</p> <p>Q (JD): Is the syllabus a public syllabus or controlled absence?</p> <p>A: It is an openly available syllabus but with controlled access to the exemplar units due to the investment that was made into it.</p> <p><i>[Chris Allen left the meeting at 1.55pm]</i></p> <p>It was agreed that a working party should be set up to investigate the potential of a Norfolk SACRE website with a wish list and seeking costs which could be launched at the annual conference.</p>		
7.	<p>Date of the next meeting:</p> <p>24 January 2023 at 1pm via Zoom. (Subsequently changed to 7 March 2023 at 1pm)</p>		

Meeting closed at 2.12pm

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5	Chair to discuss creation and implementation of a feedback form following the conference held in July 2022.	JS	16/12/22
6	Contact UEA for names of someone who could provide a conference session on what teachers could do to gain further qualifications.	CA	16/12/22
6	Liaise to put together a business case for SACRE to fund its own RE Adviser through selling the use of the Norfolk Agreed Syllabus.	JS, JD	16/12/22