

NORFOLK STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

SACRE MEETING
Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 4.00pm
Via Zoom

Minutes

Present:

Committee A (Representatives of faiths and beliefs): Simon Oldfield (SO), Vice-Chair John Turner (JT) Jane Green (JG) Deborah Carpenter (DC)	Committee D (Representatives of the LA): Cllr John Ward (JW)
Committee B (Representatives of Church of England): John Semmens (JS), Chair Clare Williams (CW)	Co-opted Members: Janet Marshall (JM) Nikki McGee (NM)
Committee C (Representatives of the Teachers' Associations): Sue Paice (SP) Helen Jacquet (HJ)	Advisers: Clerk: Christopher Perry-Yates (CPY) NCC: Jill Duman (JD)
Apologies received: Cllr Michael Chenery (MC) Cllr Ian Mackie (IM) Gayatri Verma (GV) Naageen Noorani (NN) Chris Allen (CA)	Observer: Mark Denman

Item No.	Item and discussion	Owner	Target Date
1.	Welcome and introductions: All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.		
2.	Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllr Michael Chenery, Cllr Ian Mackie, Chris Allen, Gayatri Verma, and Naageen Noorani. It was noted that the meeting was quorate.		

3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2023:</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting on 28 November 2023 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed: JS Seconded: JG All committees voted in favour with no abstentions.</p>		
4.	<p>Co-option of SACRE member:</p> <p>It was formally proposed that Nikki McGee should be co-opted as a Member of SACRE. It was noted that Nikki worked for Inspiration Trust and had a national interest in RE Leadership.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED that Nikki McGee be co-opted as a member of Norfolk SACRE.</p> <p>Proposed: JS Seconded: JG All committees voted in favour with no abstentions.</p>		
5.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>a) Brief Report on the Budget for the remainder of the year SACRE members reviewed the budget report. A copy had been circulated prior to the meeting and can be found filed with these minutes.</p> <p>It was noted that SACRE still had almost £7k to spend and there was a risk of losing the funding if it was not spent in time.</p> <p>b) Update on website with minutes and access to the Lat Blaylock materials for schools The Chair advised that the materials from Lat Blaycock had been passed on to NCC for adding to the SACRE website. It was noted that there was a time limit on how long SACRE could have access to the materials.</p>		
6.	<p>A plan for the year – SACRE Steering Group nominations:</p> <p>a) Creation of a steering group to see where SACRE resources can best be used, reflecting on what’s going on in the county and nationally. SACRE members discussed the proposal to set up a steering group to identify where SACRE resources could be used. It was noted that there were already some proposals put forward by Chris Allen.</p> <p>Members were asked to advise the clerk if they would like to be involved on the steering group.</p> <p>b) Lat Blaylock’s NATRE proposal to create and review materials based on the Norfolk Agreed Syllabus as a joint venture funded by Keswick Hall Trust The Chair advised that Lat Blaycock had proposed producing a number of training videos that would be used by NCC in the first instance based on the Norfolk Agreed Syllabus.</p>		

	<p>It was noted that most of the Keswick Hall funds went to the three local dioceses so it was unclear if the proposal would meet the new guidelines. It was noted that SACRE may need to make their proposals as soon as possible in order to achieve the grant.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED that SACRE should proceed with investigations into the Lat Blaycock proposal to create materials based on the Norfolk Agreed Syllabus.</p> <p>Proposed: JS Seconded: SP All committee vote in favour with no abstentions.</p>		
7.	<p>Questionnaire and Training proposal:</p> <p>SACRE members reviewed the RE Support Proposal. A copy had been circulated prior to the meeting and can be found filed with these minutes.</p> <p>The initial work would be to draft and send an RE Survey out to all primary schools in Norfolk to gather key information that would help form a free RE support package for schools as well as the basis of a report for SACRE and an implementation plan for SACRE for 2024-25. This would be at a daily rate of £400 and at a total cost of £2k.</p> <p>SACRE Members debated the proposal. It was agreed that walking tours would also be a useful part of the project to encourage visits to places of worship. It was also suggested linking with the Norwich Interfaith Group.</p> <p>Q (SP): As the project is being proposed by a member of SACRE is there a conflict of interest?</p> <p>A: This is a very bespoke project and therefore there would not be a comparable quote. Chris Allen is also not present or influencing the decision.</p> <p>It was suggested that the form should also include further information about some of the networks dependent on the answers provided.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the RE Support proposal from Chris Allen at a total cost of £2k.</p> <p>Proposed: JS Seconded: SP All committee voted in favour with no abstentions.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to create a shared folder for SACRE to input into questions.</p>	CPY	31/03/24
8.	<p>Adviser time:</p> <p>SACRE discussed the potential of advertising for an RE Adviser to buy in more time for school support visits and advising on RE.</p> <p>It was noted that other SACRE's had advisers.</p>		

	<p>Q (SP): Would this be a zero-hour contract with time being bought in as needed, or a contract for a set number of years?</p> <p>A: This is something we would need to decide.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that the best approach would be to advertise for a set number of hours each year. It was agreed that appointing on this basis would be a good use of outstanding SACRE funds to ensure that an RE Adviser was in place.</p> <p>ACTION: Chair to discuss a business proposal for an RE Adviser with Jill Duman.</p> <p>It was agreed that an RE Adviser could spend time applying for funding and collaborating with other RE Advisers to improve provision and support for RE delivery.</p>	JS	31/03/24
9.	<p>Discussion about possible delay of Local Walking Conference proposal:</p> <p>It was agreed that this had been discussed earlier on the agenda.</p>		
10.	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>		
11.	<p>Date of the next meetings:</p> <p>21 May 2024 at 4.30pm, Norwich Cathedral.</p>		

Meeting closed at 5.20pm

Actions: