

Telford & Wrekin Council
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
Meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2019 at Addenbrooke House,
Ironmasters Way, Telford TF3 4NT

Attendees
Jacquie Osmund-Smith (Acting Chair), Henry White, Mark Harrington, Tim Carter, Cllr Veronica Fletcher, Inderjit Singh Gill, Jon Rawson
In Attendance
Jayne Clarke (Clerk) and Michelle Parker
Apologies
Cllr Raj Mehta, Cllr Leon Murray, Sara Venn, Sylvia Bailey, Gillian Newcombe, Ian Newcombe.

1. Welcome and Introductions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all attendees to introduce themselves and give a brief outline of their role.
2. Brief outline of the work of SACRE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henry White gave a brief overview of the key roles of SACRE and circulated a hard copy document which would be circulated to all SACRE members via e-mail following the meeting. SACRE needed to focus on the big issues and prepare an Annual Report. The presentation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recognising its statutory role within the Local Authority provision across the borough ○ Teaching and learning ○ Collective Worship ○ Contribution to pupil/student personal development in terms of Social, Moral Spiritual and Cultural Development ○ Standards and Quality of Provision of Religious Education ○ Management of SACRE and Partnership with the LA and Other Key Stakeholders ○ Contribution of SACRE to Promoting Cohesion across the Community ○ Advice to Statutory Bodies • During the discussion issues were raised regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teaching of RE in Academies ○ monitoring of collective worship ○ personal development in schools and how effective this was ○ Standard and quality of GCSEs and GCEs ○ The production of the Annual Report and its deadline ○ Should SACRE be informed if children are withdrawn from RE and if any complaints were made ○ How SACRE managed, Membership, Training and if there should be Working Groups to undertaken projects ○ If an e-copy of the agreed syllabus was available, if it was being used and if it needed revising ○ Budget for SACRE - NASACRE Briefing 21 gave Government funding figures ○ Lack of a specialist advisor – such as RE Today, look for funding from Cabinet Member for Finance. An advisor was needed under statute ○ The work of Severn Schools Teaching Alliance with Primary Schools
4. Current National Events/Issues Relating to RE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None discussed

5. Local Authority Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Parker gave a presentation to Members which would be circulated following the meeting regarding the Education Inspection Framework (EIF) which was Ofsted's current inspection framework from September 2019.
6. Current National Events/Issues Relating to RE – Any Actions required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See item 4 (above)
7. Election of a Chair for the 2019/20 Academic Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RESOLVED – that Jacquie Osmund-Smith be elected as Chair for the remainder of the 2019/20 Academic Year.
8. Election of a Vice-Chair for the 2019/20 Academic Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair suggested that as there were a number of apologies for this meeting that the election of a Vice-Chair be brought to the next meeting of SACRE.
9. Any Other Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
10. Date of Next Meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provisional Dates for SACRE meeting were suggested as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 January 2020 or 18 March 2020 2 June 2020 These meeting would be held at Addenbrooke House at the new agreed time of 4.30pm These dates to be agreed by JC once the officer diary and room bookings could be confirmed

The meeting ended at 7.51pm.