

**Dorset Standing Advisory Council for
Religious Education**

14 March 2024

4.30pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

In attendance:

Name	Role
Debbie Tibbey (Chair) (DT)	Bahá'í Rep
Dave Rees (Advisor) (DR)	Advisor
Hazel Baines (HB)	CoE Rep, Primary Teacher
Cllr Mary Penfold (left 5.05pm)	Councillor
Stephanie Rann (Vice Chair) (SR)	Teacher rep
Barry Newman (BN)	Humanist rep
Richard Howes	DC
Saima Afzal (SA)	Muslim rep
Nicola Coupe (NC)	Diocesan Link

Apologies:

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Isla Ferguson (IR)	CoE Rep, Primary Teacher
Lynda Ford-Horne (LF-H)	Jewish Rep
Dominika Kruczkowska	Clerk and note taker
Cllr Robin Legg	Councillor
Cllr Pauline Batstone	Councillor

		Action
1	Welcome and apologies	
	<p>The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from BN</p>	
2	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	
	<p>The biggest matter is Syllabus, but this will be followed up through the agenda.</p> <p>No other matters arising, and minutes of the last meeting were agreed.</p>	
3	Syllabus Update	
	<p>Progress re Syllabus (DR) The last meeting was held in July. There was some really good feedback from Hazel, Steph, Barry, and others which have now been added to the Syllabus.</p> <p>Formatting has improved but there are still some issues that remain.</p> <p>Barry's suggestions were noted re: the humanism tables, and Hazel had a look for the lower key stages and Steph for key stage three and four; the current version incorporates these changes. The plan is to circulate again for everyone to have a look and to ensure that the statutory content is present, along with any suggestions which are marked clearly.</p> <p>The SEND section needs reviewing and to set the time frame for moving onto the next stage.</p> <p>There should be an electronic version as well as a paper version, as this is what teachers prefer.</p> <p>Some world views need adding (e.g. Sikh), and Bahai views have been added in.</p> <p>Action: For DR to send the current copy to DT.</p> <p>After the final review, do we make a decision of what exactly goes into the Syllabus (resources etc)?</p> <p>Regarding the Syllabus itself, will the commercial programs that presently follow up and deliver for schools/teachers change? There is just the improved version of the previous one and there is no</p>	DR

	<p>conflict between them as it is the same theology, but supported by more local resources.</p> <p>The Launch Events: The first is to tailor the content as an introduction to RE teachers as to what the syllabus is, what it does, how it is different and how it's reflecting what has happened in the last five years in the world of RE.</p> <p>The second is to show how it helps them maximize their chances of ensuring they follow the syllabus correctly.</p> <p>Funding (RH): The plan of action in terms of moving forward is to have notice from the Local Authority in respect of funding working parties/ Syllabus.</p> <p>Time of the Launch Event (HB) The launch is being planned for either September 2024 or January 2025, with a view to start teaching in in January 2025 or September 2025 (the later date is preferred, so aiming between 21-23 January. RH will be confirmed dates.</p> <p>Venue: Merley House, (BCP launched their Syllabus there and reduced rates, face to face preferred but hybrid with online possibility considered). Athelhampton, and Frampton House, Dorchester are the other options. A central location is considered to be the better option. Two or three break out rooms will be required. Third week of January seems to be the favourite option. There is a question of how to communicate with schools regarding the invites – should a letter from Director of Education be considered?</p> <p>Action: RH to draft the letter and ask Amanda Davis to sign it. Action: DT to do a Chair's paragraph.</p> <p>Budget (RH): £4625 Title of event: "RE Fresh" Attendance: around 154 schools (delegates) Event should be as a part of SACRE conference</p>	<p>RH DT</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>RE Advisor Update</p>	
	<p>DR provided the RE Advisor Update. The following points were noted:</p> <p>NEWSLETTER The Newsletter goes out the second week of term. It starts with the usual request form for new RE coordinators and leads, and once completed is then forwarded to Dominika who will be keeping a main list.</p>	

	<p>The Action Plan includes the Annual Report and the new Syllabus, along with ensuring the SACRE meeting is well organised, meets regularly, is quorate and has representation from all views.</p> <p>Members should have received a draft copy of the plan</p> <p>ANNUAL REPORT</p> <p>The Annual Report was sent to members prior to the SACRE meeting in October.</p>	
	Budget	
	£4625	RH
	Any Other Business	
	<p>The next meetings are due to take place on Teams on Thursday 23rd May 2024, 4.30pm Thursday 17th October 2024, 4.30pm</p>	