

**Dorset Standing Advisory Council for
Religious Education**

**19 October 2023
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	Councillor
Cllr Pauline Batstone	Councillor
Barry Newman (BN)	Humanist rep
Dominika Kruczkowska (DK)	Note Taker

Apologies:

Name	Role
Isla Ferguson (IR)	CoE Rep, Primary Teacher
Lynda Ford-Horne (LF-H)	Jewish Rep
Saima Afzal (SA)	Muslim rep
Stephanie Rann (Vice Chair) (SR)	Teacher rep
Cllr Robin Legg	Councillor
Nicola Coupe (NC)	Diocesan Link
Richard Howes (RH)	Dorset LA Link

		Action
1	Welcome and apologies	
	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were noted.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	
3	Syllabus Update	
	<p>Working Party updates</p> <p>Meeting was held back in July, and the teachers of secondary and primary schools were invited. Teachers taking part in it were really positive, also talking to teachers and taking their views re BCP syllabus, while visiting schools, was successful. Most people like the layout, format and accessibility of the Syllabus and how it can be thought and presented in the classroom.</p> <p>The view of adapting the BCP Syllabus for Dorset was also favourably received (Hazel Baines)</p> <p>BN shared a humanist perspective by e-mail, making amendments to the draft, and this shall be taken forward at the next working party meetings (Barry Newman)</p> <p>The working party have got another couple of meetings booked.</p> <p>Richard has spoken to IT people at Dorset Council and they are happy to accommodate SACRE and to host the agreed syllabus as well as the SACRE website.</p>	
4	RE Advisor Update	
	<p>DR provided the RE Advisor Update. The following points were noted:</p> <p>NEWSLETTER</p> <p>The Newsletter was sent out the second week of term. It starts with the usual request form for new RE coordinators and leads, and those once received are being forwarded to Dominika who's keeping a main list.</p> <p>It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an update on the agreed syllabus review. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events coming soon: the creative reinspiring RE virtual conference in March. • The regional RE hubs website • Upcoming things like Interfaith Week. • Strictly RE and Holocaust Memorial Day. • Continuing professional development being run for teachers by Cullham's and St Gabriels, a lot of people have been signing up to those, they're free. • There's an introduction to a religion and world views course <p>Its aim is to show people where there are things that might help them with their classroom teaching of RE.</p> <p>There continues to be a lot of information to roll out, including national and international events and new RE teaching resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR to be emailed if there is anything anyone would like more information on. • Next newsletter will be sent in January <p>NETWORKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hub leaders network postponed • DR supports two and can have a meeting with Hub leaders at separate time and also support teachers on the update with the agreed Syllabus • Timetable just gone out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 21st November 4 – 5:30pm at Saint Edward's with Trevor Willis and Hazel Baines and Shelly. ○ 5th December 4 – 5:30pm at Saint Mary's, Puddletown <p>ACTION PLAN</p> <p>The Action Plan has been sent out – it is the usual mix of what has to be done and what the Council would like to do with the available budget.</p> <p>There are no massive changes and we tend to keep it like that</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 received the draft of it before the meeting.</p> <p>ANNUAL REPORT</p> <p>The Annual Report was sent to members prior to the SACRE meeting. There were no questions.</p>	
5	<p>Report from Nicola Coupe and Linda's Letter to BCP Schools</p>	

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| | <p>a) RE Network Groups (Hub Lead Practitioners)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Sarum St Michael's Education Charity has awarded the HLP project a further 2 years of funding for this project. Taking it to Easter 2025. ii) HLP training took place over a full day on 28th September. RE Advisers also attended (Laura Harris for Wiltshire SACRE and Dave Rees for BCP and Dorset SACRES). We looked at a focus on 'disciplinary' approaches (Theology, Philosophy and Human Social Sciences) and balance within RE curriculums in schools. HLPs created a template Powerpoint to support their delivery in their meetings. iii) HLPs will also have a half day training in spring – end of February or early March dates tbc. iv) Dates for the HLP meetings across Wiltshire, BCP and Dorset are now finalised and HLPs are sending out to schools. These will be circulated to SACRES this week but you can access them on Wiltshire LA Right Choice page here https://rightchoice.wiltshire.gov.uk/Page/31133 where schools can also book to attend a virtual 'catch up' on content that was covered at the in person network. (These are all open to all schools and academies of all phases and types at no cost – due to RE Grant from Sarum St Michael's, this means that currently there is no cost to SACRES for the provision of networks, other than for perhaps the RE Advisers attending to support HLP training or Quality Assurance/support of the networks, if SACRE agrees this is good use of adviser budgeted time.) v) The working party for the transfer of HLPs to a possible Learn Teach Lead RE Area 3 is now known, but first meeting not yet diarised. (The funding above was the priority for NC's work last term. Hence delay to planned timeline.) vi) Online CREative, REinspiring RE Conference date is 19th March 2024. Cost is £60 per place inclusive of VAT. SACRE members can attend for free – please email Nicola.coupe@salisbury.anglican.org to be put on the list. <p>b) Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The SDBE has a new diocesan director of education (DDE). She is Katie Fitzsimmons who was DDE for Truro diocese. She is very supportive of the importance of RE and Worldviews being a strong subject in all schools. ii) The new SIAMS Framework has launched and the first school in Salisbury diocese to be inspected was a Wiltshire school. SIAMS now no longer gives a grade but a judgement of either a) The school's Christian vision is enabling the flourishing of children and adults | |
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	<p>in the following ways or b) Whilst the school's Christian vision is enabling flourishing in the following ways, the area of xxx or yyy needs addressing as a matter of priority. The b) statement could be related to provision for RE amongst other things. NC can offer the SACRE an update in the spring meeting if desired. You can read reports here SIAMS Inspection Reports The Church of England and if you search Marlborough St Mary's Primary you can read an example of a new style report.</p> <p>iii) The diocese is piloting a way of working with Academy Trusts that have church schools in them which includes an RE and Collective Worship 'Faculty Lead'. They have training centrally and the aim is that they raise the profile of RE and CW in their Trust (inclusive of CE and community academies) and signpost to provision of the RE Network Meetings and work of SACRE and the Locally Agreed Syllabus.</p> <p>c) CPD attended by NC – Nothing to report, but NC is booked onto Strictly RE and is looking forward to it and sharing some of her learning back to SACRE.</p> <p>Linda, our Jewish representative who's also the chair of BCP Sacre, has written a letter to all schools. It is a letter from BCP SACRE addressing the conflict in in Israel and Gaza and is a piece of support and information to schools. DT to ask Linda if she can adapt it for Dorset SACRE and send to Dorset schools.</p>	
	Budget	
	There is money left in the budget but we are waiting for when RH is back from annual leave to provide an update on the budget.	RH
	Any Other Business	
	<p>Thursday 14th March, 2024, 4.30pm, Teams</p> <p>Thursday 23rd May, 2024, 4.30pm, Teams</p>	