

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
NETWORK MEETING OF LOCAL SACREs**

Notes of meeting held on Thursday 13 March 2014 at 10.00 am in the Wellington
Room, Winchester

Present:

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| Bournemouth: | Lynda Ford-Horne |
| Hampshire: | Councillor Roz Chadd Councillor Choudhary |
| Isle of Wight: | Harry Kirby Joy Buckley Katy Sherwood Patricia Hannam |
| Poole/Dorset: | Derek Holloway |
| Portsmouth & Southampton: | Elizabeth Jenkerson Ralph Hodd |
| Surrey: | Margaret Hicks |
| University of Winchester: | Rhiannon Love |
| West Berkshire: | Sandra Wylie |
| West Sussex: | Nigel Bloodworth |
| Wiltshire, Reading, Wokingham: | Simone Kermode |

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Davies (Portsmouth), Jan Lever (Wiltshire, Reading, Wokingham), Zvi Solomons (Reading), Peter Ward (Surrey) Mary Douglas (Wiltshire), Rachel Boxer (Swindon) and Mark Cawte (Swindon)

1. Notes of the Last Meeting

A few minor changes were noted on the minutes from the previous meeting:

- On page 2 under "Surrey", it was noted that the Local Authority had been aware of the their statutory duties, but the SACRE had raised their level of commitment.-
- On page 2 under "Isle of Wight", it was noted that there had been support from the Local Authority but attendance from representatives had been very poor.

The notes of the previous meeting were otherwise agreed to be an accurate record.

2. Welcome to SACRE Members

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were done around the table.

3. Discussion of South Central SACRE 'Hub'

Patricia Hannam introduced the item, confirming that the protocol for the group had been written when there were only seven members, as opposed to the current fourteen members and therefore was due to be refreshed.

It was agreed that the 'hub' was a successful model that all groups benefitted from, yet still had freedom to consult other panels and groups outside of the network. Derek Holloway explained how a similar teaching hub was working in Poole, which had been an excellent way of developing teaching and leadership skills.

The group discussed members paying a subscription for a year, to help contribute towards officer time and it was decided that £90 would be a suitable amount.

There was discussion as to whether Academies should be invited to join the 'hub', but it was thought best to get better established first before opening up to other sectors.

Patricia Hannam summarised the proposed changes to the protocol ready for circulation, and the 'hub' would be known as the "South Central SACRE Hub". It was agreed that before the next Joint SACRE meeting in July:

- The new protocol would be circulated to members
- Members of the Hub would prepare a short verbal update on what their current SACRE's were working on
- Members would have a think about the longer term goals of the Hub for discussion

4. NASACRE matters

Elizabeth Jenkerson confirmed the next NASACRE AGM was due to take place on the 22 May 2014 in London. Members were also encouraged to apply for the West Hill funding that was currently available.

5. Update and discussion on other national matters

It was confirmed that the launch of the latest APPG Report in relation to RE's contribution to social cohesion was on Monday 17 March 2014. Elizabeth Jenkerson was planning to attend and had been encouraging local MP's to also attend.

The group also discussed the relationship between their SACRE's and the RE Quality Mark and whether there had been much take-up from schools, but it appeared that most schools found it too expensive to pursue.

6. Any Other Business

There was discussion over controversy regarding the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box appeal in some schools in that some parents didn't feel it was made very clear it was a Christian Charity appeal. However, it was agreed that this was a long standing issue and not of direct concern to SACREs despite it having come to the attention of some SACREs represented at the meeting.

7. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that dates in early July would be looked at, depending on room availability. This would be followed up with the Hub in due course. It was also agreed to set the next three meetings to cover the period of initial commitment to the newly conceived South Central Hub.