

West Berkshire

## Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the meeting held on  
14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 4pm

Venue: The Willows Primary School

### Group A:

Mr David McKay (Buddhist) (A)  
Rev Bev French (Free Churches) (AP)  
Mrs Becky Aboutaj (Muslim) (AP)  
Mrs Liz Housden (AP)

### Group B:

Revd Mary Harwood (C of E) (P)  
Mrs Maria Pratico (C of E) (P)  
Mr Robin Sharples (C of E) (P)  
Mrs Sue Plackett (C of E) (P)

### Group C:

Bernard Eggleton (NASUWT) (P)  
Jo Davies (ATL) (P)

### Group D:

Cllr Sheila Ellison (A)  
Cllr Pamela Bale (P)  
Cllr Carol Jackson Doerge (AP)  
Cllr Billy Drummond (AP)

Ms Jo Fageant (Independent Consultant) (P)  
Mr Keith Harvey (Head Teacher) (P)  
Mrs Jayne Mann (WBC – Clerk) (P)

1. **Apologies** Becky Aboutaj, Carol Jackson-Doerge, Billy Drummond, Bev French, Liz Housden
2. **Minutes:** It was agreed that the minutes were a true reflection of the previous meeting.
3. **Elect New Chair and Vice-Chair:** Mary Harwood agreed to remain as the Chair of this SACRE. Proposed by Bernard Eggleton and seconded by Robin Sharples. Bernard Eggleton agreed to remain as Deputy Chair of this SACRE. Proposed by Mary Harwood and seconded by Sue Plackett
4. **Lord Nash letter:** The draft letter has been done by Jo. It was agreed to send this to Jayne to put on headed paper and get the Chair to sign.
5. **Membership Update:**  
Rabbi Zvi Solomons will no longer be attending this SACRE. It was agreed that Jo would contact the local Jewish Synagogue to see if they could agree to another representative.
6. **Report on the Joint SACREs Conference and the Places of Worship project.**  
Jo reported that this was a good session and very interactive. Lots of teachers attended from WBC than anywhere else. 3 primary schools were interested in the Places of Worship. JF to co-ordinate this. It was discussed whether a workbook could be developed where children fill it in as they go round their visit.

General feedback: SP said that this had been well received. JD told us that she uses children of all faiths to assist with this. Children took ownership and enjoyed this. BE said that this type of exercise ticked all the boxes and would give teachers more confidence. JF said this exercise would need to be right as school visits were expensive to run. Proposal: should project continue? All the Culham funding has been used. This needs co-ordination across the six 'Berkshire' SACREs to go forward efficiently. It might be



possible to organise this as a continuing joint project to help work out costs. A project report will need to be submitted to the Culham St Gabriel's Trustees. There is a need to decide how one or more web links can be made available. JF to liaise with David Wylie and cost project.

7. **Report on the secondary RE network meeting (verbal)**  
Nothing much to report as no one from the network has accepted the invitation to attend the SACRE meeting
8. **Annual SACRE report**  
JF – work in progress, It was agreed at the meeting that the content and format was good. It was agreed at the meeting that the figures for the GCSE entries should be included in the report.
9. **Award for inclusive schools**  
KH – Did anyone know of any schools that would be interested, possibly The Willows? JD said that the school had done some interesting work with multi faith children.  
JM to send paper to all primary and secondary schools.
10. **New settlement report and associated NASACRE briefing paper.**  
It was proposed by RS that we need a small group to look at the implications of this. Everyone at the meeting agreed with this proposal.  
Group would consist of Robin, Jo F and Mary H.
11. **Continuation of the RE Trails project.**  
JF has made start on the Newbury Trail, to liaise with David Wylie and ask him to assist. After the meeting PB was in contact with Anthony Pick of West Berkshire Heritage Forum who was willing to give some assistance with this. AP suggested “The Story of Newbury” by David Peacock, which might prove useful.
12. **Update on the RE Coordinators meeting this term**  
The meeting for the autumn term was cancelled because so few people had booked to attend. The spring term meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11 February and a major agenda item will be the Crossing the Bridge materials.
13. **SACRE Handbook**  
Now available on the NASACRE website.
14. **AOB**  
BE brought up the subject of COINS and their involvement in Newbury schools. JF agreed that representation on the SACRE would be helpful so that both groups understand what each is doing in schools.
15. Date of next meeting  
**MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**