

Notice of Meeting

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 4.15pm
Meeting to be held online via Zoom

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**Agenda - Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education to be held on Tuesday, 2
November 2021 (continued)**

To: Group A - Other Faiths Members:

Mobasshir Mushtaq (Muslim), Rabbi Zvi Solomons (Jewish) and Revd David Taylor (Thatcham Baptist Church)

Group B – Church of England Members:

Val Bolan, Maria Pratico, Robin Sharples and Mary Stagg

Group C – Teaching Association Members:

Amanda Bedding (NEU), Clare Hawkins (NASUWT) and Chris Ward (NEU)

Group D – WBC Councillors:

Councillor Lynne Doherty, Councillor Billy Drummond, Councillor Tony Linden, Councillor David Marsh

Professional Consultant:

David Rees

Guests:

Rose Carberry, Acting Principal Adviser for School Improvement, Revd Julie Howells (Church of England) and Dilip Ladwa (Hindu)

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| 1 | Welcome and Apologies - David Taylor, Chair | |
| | 1.1 Pamela Voss | |
| 2 | Membership - Janet Giddings, Clerk | |
| | 2.1 Appointment of Dilip Ladwa (Hindu) to Group A | |
| | 2.2 Appointment of Roseanna Looker to Group C | |
| | 2.3 Any progress with Elizabeth O'Keefe or Jonathan Romain? | |
| | 2.4 LA Adviser role | |
| 3 | Election of Chair & Vice Chair for Academic Year 2021/22
- Janet Giddings, Clerk | |
| 4 | Minutes - David Taylor, Chair | 5 - 8 |
| | To sign and approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of SACRE held on 18 th May 2021. | |
| 5 | Actions (not covered elsewhere) | |
| | 5.1 Updated SACRE overview – David Taylor, Chair | |
| 6 | Annual Report
- David Taylor, Chair and David Rees, Professional Consultant | |

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- 7 **Schools**
- 7.1 West Berks RE Exam Results – Janet Giddings, Clerk
 - 7.2 Secondary and Primary Networks
– David Rees, Professional Consultant
 - 7.3 Covid Recovery Support – Clare Hawkins, NASUWT
 - 7.4 Support for Secondary Schools
 - a) Park House: Councillor David Marsh, Councillor Billy Drummond
 - b) John O’Gaunt: David Taylor, Chair
- 8 **New Agreed Syllabus**
- David Taylor, Chair and David Rees, Professional Consultant
- 8.1 Continue to collaborate with other Berkshire SACREs?
 - 8.2 Use all of our Hub contribution (£900 per year over 2 years) for this?
- 9 **Hub - David Taylor, Chair and David Rees, Professional Consultant**
- 9.1 – Update on *Real People Real Faith*
 - 9.2 – OFSTED review
 - 9.3 – berkshiresacrehub.blogspot.com
- 10 **Newsletter - David Rees, Professional Consultant**
- 11 **2021-22 Budget Update and Action Plan** 9 - 10
- David Rees, Professional Consultant
- 12 **Equality and Diversity - David Taylor, Chair**
- 12.1 Contribution from Pamela Voss?
- 13 **Next Meeting Dates and Venues to Agree - Janet Giddings, Clerk**
- 14 **Any Other Business**

Sarah Clarke
Service Director: Strategy and Governance

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WEST BERKSHIRE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 MAY 2021

VENUE: MEETING TO BE HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Present:

Group A – Other Faiths Members

Mobasshir Mushtaq (Muslim) and Revd David Taylor (Thatcham Baptist Church)

Group B – Church of England Members

Val Bolan, Maria Pratico, Robin Sharples and Mary Stagg

Group C – Teaching Association Members

Amanda Bedding (NEU), Clare Hawkins (NASUWT) and Chris Ward (NEU)

Group D – WBC Councillors

Councillor Lynne Doherty (Leader of the Council and District Strategy and Communications),
Councillor Billy Drummond, Councillor Tony Linden and Councillor David Marsh

Also Present: Revd Julie Howell (Church of England), Dilip Ladwa (Hindu), Roseanna Looker, NQT, David Rees (Professional Consultant) and Jo Watt (Member Services Officer)

12 Membership

Rachel Manley, local authority advisor, was retiring from SACRE as she felt there was not sufficient need for the role and tasks were sufficiently covered by other members. Proposal that the role is not required and funds should be redistributed to other areas of SACRE. Argument that it is useful to have LA representative without other interests; could Donna fill the role or the role be developed to make better use of the individual?

ACTION: Jo Watt to check constitution on whether the role is required.

ACTION: Robin to speak to Donna about her views on filling the role.

Want to broaden faiths represented. Welcome to Dilip; he is also a member of the Bracknell SACRE and is here today as an observer representing the Hindu faith.

Suggestions for Roman Catholic representatives: Elizabeth O'Keefe?

ACTION: Billy Drummond to speak to her about it.

Possible additional Jewish representative: Jonathan Romain

Roseanna Looker NQT in RE attending today as an observer and potential future member of SACRE.

Revd Julie Howell. Attending as an observer but keen to get involved.

13 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on the 23rd February 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman,

14 Matters arising from the Minutes

15 Actions (not covered elsewhere)

16 Overview 2021 - David Taylor

David is working on an updated version of the one-page overview document for new members of SACRE.

A reminder was given that soon it will be time to get working on the 2023 syllabus.

Of the additional £5k budget for covid recovery of schools, £2822 remains to be spent by end of March 2022.

17 Pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub

The “Real People, Real Faith” film project launch was a success. All films are now available on the NATRE website in the “About us” section. Ideally we will extend from this project going forward by exploring a broader range of faiths. Linking the films to the syllabus will support the expansion of the project.

Intention to have another Hub meeting in June. Date to be confirmed, likely the 7th or 14th. Anne Andrews is seeking commitment from SACRE Chairs for funding.

18 Schools

West Berkshire Exam Results

- No results received for discussion

Support for secondary schools

- Voted to move to end of meeting as includes confidential information.

Recovery support

- Clare Hawkins reporting:
- Secondary Network meeting raised the need for additional time for teachers as well as a desire for CPD training sessions with members of faith communities, particularly Islam, Buddhism and Judaism; this should be possible as a recorded Zoom meeting which could then be shared. Specialist training is required for A-level teaching i.e developing the skills students need to demonstrate. There were some exam-board specific requests such as model exam answers.
- Care packages – Copies of the book “Making every RE lesson count” for every Primary RE Lead in West Berkshire as well as a resource list and a few little items like board markers and sticky-notes. These are funded from the covid recovery budget.
- Teachers were keen on the idea of virtual tours, the new films from the Hub could fulfil this.
- Please let Clare know if you have any suitable contacts in the Buddhist or Jewish communities who could help with the CPD. She will email a reminder.
- Secondary care package will be made up of a book, a list of resources and small items similar to primary package.

Secondary & Primary networks

- Secondary: The Secondary network meeting was well attended on 24th March. There was useful feedback on remote learning and teacher assessed grades. There was a discussion of strategies for effective recovery of learning, the Year 11 & 13 moderation processes and SACRE support needs.
- Next meeting 22nd June.

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- Primary: Held every half-term. The focus was on the launch of the “Real people, real faith” videos and how they can be linked to content and activities. The videos fit with the overall direction of focussing on lived experience. What they want from us: access to members of religious communities, virtual places of worship and artefacts.
- Next meeting 29th June.

How to contact more RE Leads in Schools

- There are over 70 Primary RE leads in West Berkshire.
- Care package logistics: Help is needed delivering to the primary schools in person and taking some time to have a chat with someone involved in RE provision at the school.
- There is no coherent list of RE leads for all primary schools; this is the kind of area an LA advisor could be helpful with, Donna has access to the Head Teachers.
- Presenting about the packages to the Primary heads’ forum would also help reach the widest spread. The challenge is that there is not always a specialist within the individual schools, especially in smaller primary schools where the RE lead is not necessarily a specialist and secretaries won’t necessarily know who the right person is.

19 Newsletter - David Rees

The newsletter should have been circulated to everyone. It included news from various Hubs, highlighted useful online and local resources and events, updates from RE online. This is a termly production, please let David Rees know if you have any suggested content; the next issue will be in September.

20 2021-22 Budget and Action Plan - David Taylor/David Rees

We have the same overall budget amount as last year. New items include Contribution to Hub and a Zoom licence. The COVID recovery fund was allocated to the “Real people, Real faith” project and three Primary network meetings; primary practitioners are needed to help with the “Real people, real faith” project support materials.

The care packages were also bought from the COVID recovery fund, £607 for 74 books.

Recognition of the value of David and Clare’s contributions.

The budget was approved.

21 Equality and Diversity

The suggestion was put forward that people can contact Pamela Voss (Equality and Diversity Officer at West Berkshire Council) with issues of Equality & Diversity.

Maybe we could take steps to ensure diverse voices heard at events and production of resources to be distributed.

ACTION: Clare will contact Pamela about this and report back at the next meeting.

ACTION: Jo will contact Pamela about joining the next SACRE meeting.

22 Any Other Business

ACTION: David Rees will summarise the new NASACRE funding report and circulate

ACTION: OFSTED have released a report on RE. Clare will summarise and circulate.

23 Date and Venue of Next Meeting(s)

November 2nd at Newbury Mosque (Covid regulations permitting)

Schedule 2022: dates for same as this year if possible, Jo will check if anything already scheduled. There should be a mix of Schools, places of worship and council premises as venues.

Proposal to meet for a social gathering such as a meal after the next meeting. Clare to arrange.

West Berkshire SACRE action plan April 2020-March 2021

Aim	Actions	Timescales	People Responsible	Summer 2020	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021
<p>A. CORE BUSINESS</p> <p>To be a supportive and proactive SACRE enjoying full and well-informed membership</p>	1. Fill membership vacancies	End of July 2020	SACRE Chair SACRE Clerk	Ensure West Berkshire SACRE is representative of the West Berkshire area. An ongoing process		
	2. SACRE members attend termly SACRE meetings (3 per year) and, when possible, teacher termly network meetings and training events e.g. annual SACRE conference	Termly SACRE meetings: Summer 2020 Autumn 2020 Spring 2021 Termly teacher network meetings	SACRE Chair/SACRE Adviser SACRE members SACRE Clerk	3 rd November	23 rd Feb 2021	18 th May 2021
	3. Produce annual SACRE Report	Autumn Term 2020	SACRE Chair and clerk		Bring draft to November 2020 meeting	Presented at March mtg and to Councillors on Date tbc
	4. Review the action plan at each meeting and update for next year	At each SACRE meeting	SACRE Adviser and SACRE Chair	Review at each meeting	Review at each meeting	Review at each meeting
	5. ~Subscribe to NASACRE ~Representation at annual NASACRE conference, NASACRE AGM	Ongoing	NASACRE membership £105 currently SACRE Adviser to organise with other Berkshire RE advisers (To be confirmed for 20-21 year)	Attendance at Summer 2020 AGM?		
	6. Monitor the locally agreed syllabus – especially in the lead up to review	Ongoing Part of the Pan Berkshire Hub plan	SACRE	Early stages of review initiated through the hub – questionnaires considered	Questionnaires to be distributed and results collated	

B. To support teachers of RE to continually improve RE learning in their schools and	1. Provide a termly primary RE network meeting for West Berkshire teachers, 4-5.30 SACRE members welcome	Summer term 2020 Autumn term 2020 Spring term 2021	Led by Adviser	Report to SACRE		
	2. Support secondary network	Summer term 2020 Autumn term 2020 Spring term 2021	Adviser attends 2 meetings SACRE chair attends 1 meeting	Report to SACRE	Report to SACRE	Report to SACRE
C. To support the ongoing work of the Pan Berkshire Hub	Contribute to the Pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub. (£900?)	Ongoing if agreed by SACRE	SACRE members SACRE adviser 6 Chair from all Berkshire SACREs	Report to SACRE	Report to SACRE	Report to SACRE
	Selected SACRE members to attend the hub and feedback to SACRE	Ongoing -agenda item	SACRE members – usually chair	Report to SACRE	Report to SACRE	Report to SACRE
	Consolidate and develop the Crossing the Bridges directory	ongoing	SACRE members to link with faith communities Hub will need someone to take charge of this.	To become a SACRE agenda item at each meeting		