

West Sussex Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

2 March 2015 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 10.00 at County Hall, Chichester

Present:

Committee A

Jenny Cole	-	Quaker
Mrs B Connor	-	Roman Catholic
Mr E John	-	Methodist
Mr McKeever	-	Baptist

Committee B

Mrs Black	-	Church of England
Mrs Hine	-	Church of England
Mr Simpson	-	Church of England
Mrs Smith	-	Church of England

Committee C

Mrs Jagger	-	Teacher Association Representative
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Committee D

Mr Griffiths (Chairman)	-	Local Education Authority
Mr Hunt	-	Local Education Authority
Mrs Jones	-	Local Education Authority
Ms Kennard	-	Local Education Authority
Mr Quinn	-	Local Education Authority
Mr Smytherman	-	Local Education Authority

Apologies: Mrs Appleby (Bishop Tuffnell) and Mr Luckin (Steyning C of E Primary School) Mr Evans and Mr Sheldon (Local Education Authority).

Absent: Imam I Nawab (Muslim), Mr S Tahzib (Baha'i)

Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

77. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and stayed in the Chair till the Chairman arrived and took over from Cabinet Member response.

Members' interests

78. There were none declared.

Membership of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)

79. Members noted the appointment of Mrs Jones and Mr Sheldon to Committee D.

Minutes

80. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 17 November be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Cabinet Member Response

81. SACRE members were disappointed with the response and felt that the type of support available to schools from the local authority was not made clear and that some schools would not know how to access school to school support.

82. SACRE agreed that the Chairman should write again to the Cabinet Member for Skills and Education asking for clarification of the type of support available to schools, and how school to school support was being promoted so that all schools were aware of it and knew how to access it.

Results in Public Examinations, Summer 2014

83. SACRE considered a report by the Director of Care, Wellbeing and Education (copy appended to the signed minutes) which was introduced by Nigel Bloodworth, Senior Adviser Care, Wellbeing and Education who highlighted that information in the report from the Fischer Family Trust, Subject Residuals and the Short Course GCSE meant that students' progress had now been measured and reported.

84. Summary of responses to Members' questions and comments: -

- Schools had yet to decide which subjects would be in the basket of eight they would be judged on in 2016 – one of the subjects could be Religious Education, but all short courses would be excluded.

85. SACRE noted the report.

Inspection Reports for West Sussex Schools

86. SACRE considered a report by the Director of Care, Wellbeing and Education (copy appended to the signed minutes) which was introduced by Nigel Bloodworth, Senior Adviser Care, Wellbeing and Education. He told SACRE that the Ofsted reports did not give an overall grade by OFSTED or an area breakdown, but did provide a sense of how schools were doing in promoting spiritual, moral, social and cultural development across the county.

87. Summary of responses to Members' questions and comments: -

- Comments in the report were taken from schools at random
- A summary of the inspection reports was included in an annual report that was shared with all schools
- The OFSTED guidance defining spiritual, moral, social and cultural development could be shared with schools, possibly via localities or schools' executives

88. SACRE noted the report.

Appointment to a panel of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

89. SACRE considered a report by the Director of Care, Wellbeing and Education (copy appended to the signed minutes) which was introduced by Nigel Bloodworth, Senior Adviser Care, Wellbeing and Education who told SACRE that there was a vacancy on its sub-committee that existed to hear complaints about how Religious Education was taught in community schools, voluntary controlled schools and collective worship in community schools. The Complaints panel did not hear complaints about Religious Education in academies.

90. Resolved that: -

- i. A paragraph on the complaints procedure for academies to be added to the terms of reference for the Complaints Panel
- ii. Mr Smytherman was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Complaints Panel

Date of future meetings

10.00, 15 June 2015

10.00, 16 November 2015

10.00, 29 February 2016

The meeting closed at 10.32

Chairman