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MINUTES of a meeting of **STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** held on Monday, 13 November 2023 at Committee Room 1, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG.

PRESENT

LEA Representatives (Committee D)

Councillors J Bryan, C Dale, R Flatley (In the Chair) and S Swann

Teacher's Associations (Committee C)

D Allen

Church of England Representatives (Committee B)

N O'Callaghan

Other Christian and Non-Christian (Committee A)

N Hoskin Stone & I Newberry

Co-opted representatives

L Whitney

In attendance - S Ford (Childrens Services) K Wild (Childrens Services)' S Gee and M Higton (Legal Services) & I Walters (Commissioning, Communities and Policy)

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of P Crowe, D Hammond, Cllr N Gourlay, A Rehman. L Seymour, and M Sharma

Prior to the meeting a period of silence was held in memory of Sandra Lewer, a long standing Member of Derbyshire SACRE who had recently passed away

13/23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

There were no declarations of interest.

14/23 TO CONFIRM THE NON-EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SACRE HELD ON 3 JULY 2023

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the SACRE held on 20 March 2023.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

15/23 BROKEN INSTRUMENTS - FEEDBACK

A number of SACRE members had attended the event at Wirksworth in August where there had been an outdoor performance of Broken Instruments. Feedback received was that the event had been a great success and the performance was very powerful and moving with superb acting.

In addition to this the event had raised £740 for the High Sheriff's charities, with the monies going to local charities including 2 refugee initiatives.

In terms of the future, the Theatre Group were working on a new production on Holy Island and it was hoped that a performance of the production could be held in Derbyshire during the summer of next year.

16/23 PRESENTATION ON WINDRUSH - GEORGE GRIGNON

George Grignon attended the meeting and provided members with a presentation on Windrush.

The presentation gave just a small snapshot of individuals and events and focussed mainly on the impact and influence that these individuals had had on Derby and Derbyshire, which had been gathered by George carrying out many hours of work interviewing elders and many other people. He had created over 30 information banners and made 3 films highlighting the history of the Windrush generation. He hoped that his works could help to get many of the individuals concerned the recognition they deserved.

The presentation had taken place in different formats in many venues across the County, including Chatsworth House, Derby Theatre, Foston Prison, Arts School in Derby, Derby County FC Academy, Derby University and the Roundhouse. Ultimately George hoped to have an Afro Caribbean Centre in Derby, which would act as a home to Derby and Derbyshire Black History.

Members felt that there would be great value if these presentations could be rolled out into schools in Derbyshire and it was agreed that officers meet with George to see how this could be best achieved.

The Chairman thanked George for a most interesting and informative presentation.

17/23 REVISION OF THE AGREED SYLLABUS 2025

Steve Ford reminded Members that it was a statutory requirement to revise the Agreed Syllabus every 5 years.

As Members were aware at the time of the last revision, the authority worked closely with RE Today who had worked with a number of Local Authorities and it was proposed that this was the approach that should be taken again. RE Today had provided a training programme which had been taken up by 84% of schools and had proved to be very successful.

It was agreed that Steve would invite RE Today to the next meeting in March 2024 to discuss further.

18/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair confirmed that it was hoped that David Quinn, RE and Catholic Life Adviser, Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service, would attend the 18 March 2024 meeting to discuss collective worship.

Nicky Hoskin Stone, reminded members of the World Day of Prayer which would take place on the first Friday of March 2023. The Theme was “ I Beg you Bear with One Another in Love” based on Ephesians 4: 1-3 and was written by Christian Women in Palestine.

Information could be found on the Womens World Day of Prayer website .

The meeting finished at 2.15 pm