

## **PUBLIC**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** held at County Hall, Matlock on 15 March 2021 at 1:30 pm.

### **P R E S E N T**

#### **LEA Representatives (Committee D)**

Councillors C Dale, C Moesby and J Twigg (in the Chair)

#### **Teacher's Associations (Committee C)**

Ms D Hammond and Mrs C Wayment

#### **Church of England Representatives (Committee B)**

Mr J Clapham and Mrs N O'Callaghan

#### **Other Christian and Non-Christian (Committee A)**

Mrs J Carter, Ms N Hoskin-Stone, Mrs S Lewer

#### **Co-opted Members**

S Mitchell

In attendance - Mr S Ford (Childrens Services), Mrs J Normington and Ms M Sharma (Commissioning, Communities and Policy)

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor A Dale, Mrs S Carter, E Johnson and Rev S Watson

There were no declarations of interest.

**01/21**        **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the SACRE held on 16 November 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

**02/21**        **POST COVID-19 PLAN FOR RE** Steve Ford advised the Committee that the views of schools during and after the pandemic had hit were being sought. It was becoming evident that those schools who had a clear mission statement and published moral values rather than just academic outcomes had appeared to cope better. Schools in Derbyshire had been resilient in their approach despite the very difficult challenges faced.

The SACRE was keen to know how it could support schools going forward. It also agreed that it was not only academic issues where children had experienced hardship and these would need to be taken into consideration also. The Health & Safety Committee were producing a Wellbeing Policy that would be distributed to all schools in Derbyshire.

The Open Centre confirmed it had on-line links and other free resources available, also Yvonne Wright, from DCC had been working on a revised PSHE framework and would be invited to the next meeting to discuss this project. The international World Day of Prayer would be held by England and Wales in 2022 and would produce free materials that covered all denominations.

**RESOLVED** that SACRE would share all resources they currently had with the Clerk for collating and distribution.

**03/21**        **EQUALITY ACT 2010** A discussion was held on the implications for RE and SACRE following the publication of OFSTED guidance on the Act and the “Facts Don’t Lie” publication by Runnymede Trust. The last year had been difficult for schools to sustain the level of work done in this area due to the COVID-19 pandemic and it was agreed that this was a vital part of education. Schools were looking to their local authorities for more support, perhaps to specify objectives and explain statutory requirements on their websites in order for schools to follow.

**04/21**        **ADDITIONAL COURSES** Steve Ford invited SACRE members to suggest topics it felt courses were required for during 2021/22.

**05/21**        **THANK YOU** The SACRE expressed its thanks to Jackie Carter who, after 33 years of service to the Committee and particularly her work with the Bahai belief, was retiring and that this was her last meeting. She wished every success to the Committee for the future.

This was also the last meeting for the current Chair, Judith Twigg who was stepping down as a county councillor after 41 years, and 24 years on SACRE. Councillor Twigg was thanked for all her dedication to local people and the Council and was wished a long and happy retirement.

**06/21**        **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** Steve Ford advised the Committee that Ava Hunt, whose project “Journeys of Destiny” won the Arts Council’s Young People and Arts Award would be invited to speak to the Committee at a future meeting.

It was also noted that World Against Racism day on 20 March 2021 was scheduled to take place with events being held around Derbyshire.