

Notice Of a Public Meeting of

City Of York Council

SACRE (Standing Advisory Council On Religious Education)

To: Councillors Cullwick, Cuthbertson, Fitzpatrick and Rowley, John Thompson, Daryoush Mazloum, Kevin Duffy, Ben Rich, Rev Keith Albans, Tracey Copestake, Penny Coppin-Siddall, Ian Hodgson, Olivia Seymour, Katherine Harper, Claire Hennigan, Sarah Griffiths

Date: Wednesday, 1st July, 2020

Time: 4.30 pm

Venue: Remote Meeting via Zoom

AGENDA

- 1. Election of Chair**
- 2. Welcome and Introductions**
- 3. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**
- 4. Update from LA on Officer roles**
- 5. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2020** (Pages 1 - 4)
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2020.
- 6. Update from Chair on support for schools during this time**
- 7. Agreed Syllabus review** (Pages 5 - 10)
To discuss SACRE responsibilities, timeline, and options.
(The options for Agreed Syllabus will be emailed to SACRE Members as a separate document)

8. Any Other Business

9. Date and time of next meeting

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Bu bilgiyi kendi dilinizde almanız mümkündür. (Turkish)

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SACRE Minutes

7 January 2020, West Offices

Attendance:

Olivia Seymour (Interim Chair; CofE, Diocese of York); Cllr Fiona Fitzpatrick (CYC); Ben Rich (Jewish York Liberal Movement); Daryoush Mazloum (York Baha'i Community); Keith Albans (Methodist); Penny Siddall (The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints); Naomi Watson (minutes)

Apologies:

Mike Jory (CYC Adviser); Ian Hodgson (Humanist)

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Olivia Seymour welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that it will not be quorate but suggestions can be made, particularly with respect to the Annual Report which needs to be approved. Apologies were received from Mike Jory and Ian Hodgson. Introductions took place.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from 8 July 2019

This meeting was not quorate. Olivia Seymour requested that membership is on the next meeting agenda, to ensure that meetings are quorate. **Agenda** The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and Olivia Seymour will approve the minutes at the next quorate meeting.

Action

Actions and matters arising were as follows:

Monitoring questionnaires – this will be discussed at the next meeting. **Agenda**

Jewish Living Exhibition – Ben Rich advised that Tom Rich has now been replaced. Dates for June will be considered and Ben Rich strongly requested support from SACRE. Possible venues are the Minster or Burnholme Community College. Olivia Seymour advised a separate planning meeting; she has been appointed Regional Ambassador for RE until the end of the year and will be able to assist in this and her Diocesan capacity. Ben Rich stated that SACRE will need to write to schools formally when arrangements are in place; Olivia Seymour is happy to support this process. The event will be more primary focussed. Fiona Fitzpatrick offered to provide support as a member of the Human Rights and Equalities Board. Ben Rich and Olivia Seymour will liaise with Mike Jory regarding a suitable venue. **Action**

3. SACRE Annual Report

The report was previously distributed with the agenda and minutes and has been kept as short as possible, but does need improvement to engage better with its audience. The date of the report needs to be verified as it covers January-December and not the academic year. Previous membership also needs to be checked as this is currently incorrect. A Sikh representative still needs to be sought. Mike Jory and Naomi Watson will follow up on these matters. **Action**

Ben Rich expressed concern at how Collective Worship is reported on and Olivia Seymour stated that the content cannot be changed as it is a statutory duty and CYC does not have evidence to prove that it is not taking place. However, a debate does need to take place as part of the Development Plan. Olivia Seymour will check with Mike Jory on the content of the RE questionnaires. It was agreed that *"SACRE has not undertaken formal monitoring in 2018-19."* needs to be added for clarification; Mike Jory will amend the draft. **Action**

Olivia Seymour requested that standards in RE is discussed at the next meeting. **Agenda** The report format has met the statutory duties. As the meeting is not quorate Naomi Watson will circulate the draft for feedback by 15 January, amendments will be made by Mike Jory accordingly and a revised version will be circulated to SACRE prior to distribution to NASACRE, CYC Chief Executive and the Director of Children's Services. **Action**

4. Feedback from SACRE/LTLRE conferences

Olivia Seymour proposed that key training priorities is discussed at the next meeting, including the Jewish Living Exhibition. **Agenda** SACRE has funded CPD opportunities in partnership with LTLRE, including a training day Fiona Moss delivered last term to review the Agreed Syllabus, which was sold out. Olivia Seymour read out delegates' very encouraging feedback and many schools were represented. However, some schools are difficult to reach and not accessing training. A subject knowledge workshop in March is fully booked with 40 delegates. 19 attended the Secondary conference from East Riding, North Yorkshire and York, featuring two national speakers on KS4 and GCSE. Feedback was very positive and more opportunities for secondary colleagues to meet were requested. LTLRE is exploring this but funding ends in December and there is enough to cover one final conference. This will focus on both Primary and Secondary, the new Ofsted Framework and feature two national speakers; planning is in the early stages. The current offer needs to be developed and the Jewish Living Exhibition will facilitate that.

5. Ofsted feedback

Olivia Seymour proposed that the NATRE report analysis on the first 100 reports under the new Ofsted framework is discussed at the next meeting. **Agenda** Olivia Seymour will discuss

mechanisms for SACRE to receive Ofsted reports for monitoring standards with Mike Jory and others. **Action**

6. SACRE key priorities/next steps

A wider conversation with the LA is needed concerning Collective Worship, membership and ongoing training and opportunities. Olivia Seymour will follow this up with Mike Jory to develop an Action Plan. **Action** Ben Rich emphasised the need to focus on membership as first priority. Olivia Seymour and Naomi Watson will discuss alternative meeting venues and times with Mike Jory. **Action** Fiona Fitzpatrick emphasised the need to focus on teachers. Childcare issues were noted and Olivia Seymour will follow up recruiting new teachers with Mike Jory. **Action**

7. AOB

Olivia Seymour and Keith Albans gave their apologies for the next meeting on 31 March.

Olivia Seymour thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 17:45pm.

The next meeting will be held on 31 March at 2pm at Vale of York Academy.

Action	Responsibility
Add membership to next meeting agenda	Naomi Watson
Approve meeting minutes from 8 July 2019 at next quorate meeting	Olivia Seymour
Add monitoring questionnaires to next meeting agenda	Naomi Watson
Liaise with Mike Jory on JLE venue	Ben Rich and Olivia Seymour
Verify/amend Annual Report date	Mike Jory
Check previous membership correct in Annual Report	Naomi Watson
Investigate Sikh representative	Mike Jory/Naomi Watson
Check content of monitoring questionnaires with Mike Jory	Olivia Seymour
Insert Collective Worship monitoring sentence in Annual Report	Mike Jory
Add standards in RE to next meeting agenda	Naomi Watson
Circulate draft Annual Report for group feedback by 15 January	Naomi Watson
Make amendments to Annual Report	Mike Jory
Circulate final draft version of Annual Report to SACRE	Naomi Watson

Circulate final version of Annual Report to NASACRE, CYC Chief Exec, Director of DCS	Naomi Watson
Add key training priorities/JLE to next meeting agenda	Naomi Watson
Add NATRE Ofsted report to next meeting agenda	Naomi Watson
Discuss mechanisms with Mike Jory and others for SACRE to receive Ofsted reports for monitoring	Olivia Seymour
Discuss Action Plan with Mike Jory on key priorities/next steps	Olivia Seymour
Discuss alternative meeting times and venues with Mike Jory	Olivia Seymour/Naomi Watson
Follow up new teachers with Mike Jory	Olivia Seymour

Items for future meetings: Membership; Jewish Living Exhibition; RE Monitoring visits; Ofsted framework; Ofsted reports; national results data comparisons

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Agreed Syllabus Conference

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What is an Agreed Syllabus Conference?

An agreed syllabus conference (ASC) is a statutory body brought together in order to produce an agreed syllabus for RE. It is a separate legal body from a SACRE.

Statutory Requirements

Every LA is required to establish and support an occasional body called an agreed syllabus conference which must:

- produce and recommend to the LA an agreed syllabus for RE;
- meet in public;
- unanimously recommend a syllabus for adoption by the LA;
- include on any sub-committee at least one member of each of its constituent committees.

An Agreed Syllabus Conference:

- has the same group structure as the SACRE but these are called committees;
- is made up of representatives from the same interest groups as the SACRE, who may or may not be the same people;
- has no provision for co-opted members;
- may be chaired by an appointee of the local authority or may be permitted to choose its own Chair
- must specify what will be taught through the agreed syllabus;
- may not specify the amount of curriculum time that must be allocated to RE, but may provide an estimate of how much time their syllabus would require to help schools to plan their timetable.

The LA's responsibility to convene the ASC implies a duty to provide funds and support for its work.

Agreed Syllabus Conference

Questions which should concern an ASC include:

- How is the agreed syllabus best delivered to each age group?
- What mixture should there be of formal content, thematic work, group work, personal discovery, visits to specified buildings or events, and visitors?
- What is the relationship of RE to spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and other whole-school priorities?
- What is the impact on RE of new curricular developments?
- How will local faith and belief be reflected in the locally agreed syllabus?
- What should pupils learn at each key stage?
- What should be statutory within the agreed syllabus, and what should be non-statutory guidance, to be placed in appendices?

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