

Notes

of the Meeting of the

North Somerset Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Wednesday, 11th April 2018

held at Clevedon School, Clevedon.

Meeting Commenced: 13:30pm

Meeting Concluded: 14:45pm

Councillors:

P Robert Cleland

P Sarah Codling

P Deborah Yamanaka

Present: Councillor Sarah Codling (Chairman), Councillor Robert Cleland, Don Cameron (co-opted member), Laura Harris (NUT Primary), Marianne McAleer (NUT Secondary), Emma Smith (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints), Martin Taylor (United Reformed Church), Councillor Deborah Yamanaka

Officers in attendance: David Rees (Associate advisor for RE), Tim Nelson (Corporate Services)

SARE Welcome and apologies for absence (agenda item 1) 29

Apologies were received from Jo Backus.

It was noted that the meeting was inquorate due to the lack of a Church of England member in attendance. There was a discussion of the rules regarding the quorum for meetings, with a suggestion that members nominate substitutes who could take their place if they were not able to attend.

SARE Declarations of Interest by Members (agenda item 2) 30

None

SARE Notes of the Inquorate Meeting held on 14 November 2017 (agenda item 3) 31

Recommended: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

SARE Recommendation that Humanist Member Be Made Full Member of SACRE (agenda item 5) 32

Due to the meeting being inquorate, the SACRE was unable to make a formal decision at this time to recommend this to North Somerset Council.

SARE SACRE Management – Action Plan and Budget Update (agenda item 6)
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David Rees gave a report on the SACRE Development Plan and Annual Budget. He clarified there was a budget for the SACRE advisor, the Annual Report, the clerical support, the NASACRE Conference subscription and the website but not much else. The AMV website cost was factored into the report.

SARE SWARE Conference – 5 March 2018 Dillington House – Update on
34 Understanding Christianity and the CoRE (agenda item 7)

David Rees and Laura Harris reported from the South West Conference for SACREs. There had been a seminar on the background and impact of Understanding Christianity. Laura Harris indicated that the discussion reflected the mixed feelings among teachers using this resource, with some finding it useful, and others less so. It was often best to use it alongside other resources. There was also a discussion about the RE for All Commission, which would be reporting in September, and a workshop on the role of councillors in SACREs.

SARE Learn Teach Lead RE Update (agenda item 8)
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Laura Harris gave an update on Learn Teach Lead. There had been a meeting in February. Nine people attended, which was an improvement but still a low attendance. No secondary school teachers had attended. The next meeting was scheduled for June.

SARE AREIAC conference – ‘Reflecting Plurality in RE’ – 2 & 3 July 2018 –
36 The Bristol Hotel: Bristol (agenda item 9)

David Rees reported that the annual conference of the Association for Religious Education Inspectors, Advisors and Consultants was scheduled for 2 and 3 July. Laura Harris would be speaking at it.

LAF SACRE Membership (agenda item 10)
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It was suggested that the Church of England members be reminded that their attendance was necessary for meetings to be quorate.

Laura Harris suggested a check be made of members' contact details to ensure they were all receiving the emails. Don Cameron recommended that nominating bodies be approached to encourage them to send representatives.

LAF 38 Date of Next meeting (agenda item 11)

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at 1:30pm on Thursday 5 July 2018, at Clevedon School.

Chairman
