

## **Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education**

**held on Monday, 12 October, 2009 at 6.00 p.m.**

**at Salvation Army Citadel, Green Lane, Walsall**

### **Present**

Councillor Ault  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Turner  
Mrs. S. Blackmore  
Mr. Anthony Orlik  
Reverend Elizabeth Snowden  
Father Michael Leadbeater  
Mrs. Valerie Morris  
Captain T. Stubbings  
Mr. Dhiren Thakker  
Mrs. Barbara Groombridge  
Mr. Ismail Dangor  
Mr. R. Simmons

### **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors K. Phillips and Rochelle; Mrs M. Gibbons and Mrs Lynne Edwards.

### **Minutes**

#### **(a) 13 July , 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July, 2009 were submitted:-

(see annexed)

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July, 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **(b) Agreed Syllabus Working Party / SACRE Strategy Sub Group – 21 September , 2009**

The notes of the Agreed Syllabus Working Party / SACRE Strategy Sub Group held on 21 September, 2009 were submitted:-

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

That the notes of the Agreed Syllabus Working Party / SACRE Strategy Sub Group held on 21 September, 2009 be approved as a correct record.

Mr. Orlik indicated that it might be helpful if a member of SACRE attended the Head Teachers briefing in order that Head Teachers could sign off the Agreed Syllabus.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that not all Head Teachers attended the sessions and all Head Teachers would be invited to attend the launch.

Training courses for RE teachers would be held in February and April on the Agreed Syllabus and it was proposed that the SACRE Conference take place on the 10 March at which the Agreed Syllabus would be discussed.

Members were of the view that a paper could be taken to the Head Teachers briefing sessions outlining the status and some of the content of the Agreed Syllabus; they agreed that the launch should go ahead in January 2010 and that RE coordinators be invited. The launch should be advertised in school news and if possible into the 'RE Today' magazine in January and although independent schools were not obliged to use the Walsall Agreed Syllabus, it was felt that they should be invited to the launch. SACRE asked the sub-group to consider the arrangements for the launch.

## **Late items to be introduced by the Chairman**

There were no late items to be introduced by the Chairman.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items for consideration in private session.

## **Agreed Syllabus**

The Walsall Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2010-2015, together with the Non-Statutory Guidance, the Personal Learning and Thinking Skills for RE, the 'I Can' statements and the Glossary of Religious Terms as endorsed by the Agreed Syllabus Conference were submitted:-

(see annexed)

## **Resolved (Unanimously)**

- (1) That the revised Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2010-15 to be implemented in Walsall Schools from 1 September, 2010 be approved;
- (2) That Cabinet be requested to recommend Council to approve the revised Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education, as endorsed by the Agreed Syllabus Conference, for implementation in Walsall Schools from 1 September, 2010.

## **Holocaust Convention**

Mr. R. Simmons gave a brief presentation on the Holocaust Convention:-

(see annexed)

in going through his views regarding the Holocaust, Mr. Simmons referred to the cross curriculum approach of RE and History and showed a different perspective taking a positive view.

Members discussed ways of promoting the Holocaust through History as well as RE and ways of promoting SACRE and RE within schools. Mr. Taylor indicated that school news could assist in including publication.

## **Resolved**

That the presentation be noted and a report be submitted to the next meeting on ways that SACRE and the multi faith forum could work together.

The Chairman thanked all members for attending and in particular thanked David Taylor for his work with SACRE. Members endorsed the remarks of the Chairman and wished David well on his retirement.

## **Termination of meeting**

The meeting terminated at 6.50 p.m.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....