

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

**held on Monday, 18 July, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.**

**at the Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall**

### **Present**

Councillor Craddock  
Councillor Robertson  
Councillor Rochelle  
Councillor N. Gultasib  
Councillor D. Barker  
Mrs S. Blackmore  
Mr C. Hopkins (Chair)  
Mrs Donnellan  
Mr G. Gomez  
Mr D. Lomax (Vice Chair)  
Mrs B. Groombridge  
Imam Saeed-Ur-Rahman

### **In Attendance:-**

Ms. V. Heydon-Matterface (Children & Family Worker for the Brownhills & Willenhall Methodist Circuit) (Observer)

### **12/16 Appointment of Chairman for the 2016/17 Municipal Year**

The Clerk sought nominations for the position of Chairman.

Mr C. Hopkins was nominated.

### **Resolved**

That Mr C. Hopkins be appointed Chairman for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

### **13/16 Appointment of Vice Chairman for the 2016/17 Municipal Year**

The Chair sought nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

Mr D. Lomax was nominated.

### **Resolved**

That Mr D. Lomax be appointed Vice-Chairman for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

#### **14/16 Late Items to be introduced by the Chair**

The Chair reported the following resignations:-

- Razza Askari – VOICE
- Dhiren Thakker – Walsall Evangelical Churches

#### **15/16 Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Mr Dhiren Thakker, Mr Sijaad Hussain, Mr Ismail Danger, Mr P. Prasad and Mrs Doreen Barrett.

#### **16/16 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items for consideration in the private session.

#### **17/16 Minutes of the meeting of SCARE held on 14 March, 2016 and of the Agreed Syllabus Conference held on 14 March, 2016**

The minutes of the meeting of SCARE held on 14 March, 2016 and of the Agreed Syllabus Conference held on 14 March, 2016 were submitted:-

[See annexed]

##### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March, 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **18/16 Election of Spokespersons for the Groups**

The report of the Senior Committee Business and Governance Manager was submitted

[see annexed]

##### **Resolved**

That the following members be appointed as Spokesperson for their individual Group:-

- Mr. C. Hopkins – Local Education Authority
- Mr. D. Lomax – Christian and other religious denominations
- Councillor Rochelle – Local Authority
- Vacancy – Teacher's Association representative

## **19/16 Appointment of Strategy Sub Group**

The report of the Senior Committee Business and Governance Manager was submitted [see annexed].

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the following members be appointed as to the Strategy Sub-Group:-

Mr. C. Hopkins – Local Education Authority  
Mr. D. Lomax – Christian and other religious denominations  
Councillor Rochelle – Local Authority  
Vacancy – Teacher's Association representative

- (2) That meetings of the Sub-Group take place on the following dates commencing at 4.30 p.m. in a Conference Room, Council House, Walsall:-

Wednesday, 14 September, 2016  
Wednesday, 8 February, 2017  
Wednesday, 21 June, 2017

## **20/16 Dates of meetings for 2016/17**

The report of the Senior Democratic Services Officer was submitted

[see annexed]

Members of SACRE requested that the date of the next meeting be changed to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2016

### **Resolved**

That SACRE agree to hold meetings for the 2016/17 Municipal Year as follows:-

- Monday, 31 October, 2016
- Monday, 6 March, 2017
- Monday, 17 July, 2017

## **21/16 SACRE Action Plan**

The action plan was submitted.

[annexed]

Mr Flynn thanked those that had attended the Agreed Syllabus Conference earlier in the year. The launch had been successful attended by a number of schools including Governors and staff. Mr Flynn agreed to circulate the presentation to members of SACRE.

In relation to developing the information and resources on Walsall Link to support all schools/academies, Mr Flynn advised that Members of SACRE could be given access, should they wish.

### **Resolved**

- 1) That Mr Flynn circulates the presentation given to the Annual Conference at Banks Stadium;
- 2) That Members notify Mr Flynn should they require access to LINK.

### **22/16 Feedback from Agreed Syllabus & the Student Conference at Banks Stadium**

Mr Flynn provided feedback from the Agreed Syllabus and Student Conference.

He advised that pupils ran a number of sessions throughout the event and also created sculptures.

### **Resolved**

That the update be noted.

### **23/16 Late Items**

Mr Lomax advised that he had expressed an interest in representing faith schools in July, 2015 but had not received any further details.

### **Resolved**

That Mr Flynn request that Jane Bonner contacts Mr Lomax in relation to this matter.

### **24/16 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2016

### **Termination of meeting**

The meeting terminated at 6.40 p.m.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....