

Standing Advisory Council For Religious Education Strategy Sub-Group

held on Wednesday, 6th February, 2013 at 4.30 p.m.

at The Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall

Present

Councillor J. Rochelle

In attendance

Mr. G. Nembhard

Mr. E. Richards

Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Mrs V. Morris and Mrs. S. Blackmore.

Notes of meeting held on 19th September, 2012

A copy of the notes of the meeting held on 19th September, 2012 were submitted:-

(see annexed)

The notes of the meeting held on 19th September, 2012, were received.

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

There were no items for consideration in private session.

To set the agenda for the next meeting of SACRE

It was noted that the agenda would include the items from the meeting held on 8th October, 2012 which had been in quorate.

Five Year Development Plan and Action Plan Update

Mr. Richard circulated the position statement showing the financial situation relating to support for SACRE for 2012/13.

(see annexed)

He informed the sub-group that the contractual arrangement between the Council and Serco would cease with effect from 31st March, 2013 and questioned the situation with regard to financing support to SACRE in the future.

Mr. Richard's also circulated the paper relating to the key priorities for SACRE:-

(see annexed)

He was of the view that information contained within the document could be discussed at the next meeting and the 5 year development plan drawn up as a result.

Mr. Richard's referred to funding that had been made available for youth of SACRE to engage the services of RE today and sufficient funding was still available to cover 3 days work.

Mrs. Ensor informed the Sub-Group that when education returns to the local authority there would still be a requirement for funding to be made available for SACRE.

Annual Report

Mr. Richards circulated a copy of the draft annual report which covered the activities from January 2010 to 2012. The conclusion set out the issues with regard to engagement of schools.

Mr. Nembhard was of the view that the multi-faith forum could assist when the Serco contract ceased.

Mr. Richard's reminded the Sub-Group that the agreed syllabus would need to be agreed in 2015 and RE today had been training school staff in the contents of the agreed syllabus as well as units of work which feed into it. In respect of the courses provided and was being used to promote and train.

Self Evaluation

Mr. Richard's referred to the importance of SACRE carrying out a self evaluation and it would be necessary to establish whether information relating to the media, young people and how RE was dealt with at Walsall College.

Mr. Nembhard had provided the Chairman with a link from the multi-faith forum in respect of engagement of young people and consideration could be given to inviting young people to SACRE meetings.

It was agreed:-

- 1) That the self evaluation sub group be established at the next SACRE meeting
- 2) That Mr. Blaylock carry out a training session in July.

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 5.30 p.m.