

Standing Advisory Council For Religious Education Strategy Sub-Group

held on Monday, 19th September, 2011 at 4.30 p.m.

at Pleck Methodist Church, Bescot Road, Walsall

Present

Mr. C. Hopkins (Chairman)
Councillor Robertson

In Attendance

Mrs. S. Blackmore
Ms. Rena Saggu - Walsall Children's Service - Serco

Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Mr. R. Simmons and Mr. E. Richards (Serco).

Appointment of Chairman

Resolved

That Mr. C. Hopkins be appointed Chairman of the Strategy Sub-Group for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

Notes of meeting held on 13th June, 2011

The notes of the meeting held on 13th June, 2011 were submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the notes of the meeting held on 13th June, 2011, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Late items to be introduced by the Chairman

There were no late items introduced by the Chairman.

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

A copy of the draft agenda for the next meeting of SACRE was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Ms. Saggi confirmed that Mr. Richards would be contacting Mr. Blaylock to establish the number of days he had left to assist Walsall. Mr. Richards would also be investigating the funding allocation to SACRE by Walsall Children's Service - Serco. Work was ongoing with Mr. Blaylock on progressing the Action Plan.

Mrs. Blackmore referred to the need to work with other SACRE's in order that joint sessions undertaken by Mr. Blaylock could take place.

Joint training sessions and shared costs should be explored.

Mrs. Ensor reminded the Sub-Group of the discussion that took place at SACRE on 13th June, 2011 on training for public sector staff joining Walsall.

Councillor Robertson confirmed that WHG were keen to be part of a scheme of this nature and there was a commitment on their part to move this forward. He referred to a number of invitations he had received from various faith groups and felt that these should be encouraged. There had been an indication that various groups were keen to break down barriers, there could also be funding to be gained from some groups. Interest had been expressed in particular by the Muslim communities.

Councillor Robertson suggested that invitations to events could be made via the Internet, the Governor network could also be used. It was agreed that a report be circulated to the September meeting.

Children's Art

Councillor Robertson suggested that children's art could be displayed in the Museum. He referred to the possibility of art exchange and twinning. Ms. Saggi undertook to investigate this matter further.

Resolved

That the following items be included on the SACRE agenda for the 10th October, 2011 meeting:-

- Action Plan update
- Funding
- Induction programme for public services staff
- Monitoring visits -
(Members are requested to indicate schools they would like to visit)

- Feedback from earlier visits for use in the next agreed syllabus
- Venue for 12th March, 2012 meeting
- Late items (if any)

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 5.00 p.m.