Standing Advisory Council For Religious Education Strategy Sub-Group

held on Wednesday, 4th February, 2015 at 4.30 p.m.

at The Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall

Present:

Councillor P. Lane Mr. R.Simmons

In attendance:

Mr. S. Flynn Mrs. G. Ensor

Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Mr. C. Hopkins, Mr. D. Lomax.

Appointment of Chairman for the meeting

Resolved

That Councillor Lane be appointed Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

COUNCILLOR LANE IN THE CHAIR

Notes of meeting held on 17 September, 2014

The notes of the meeting held on 17 September, 2014 were submitted.

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the notes of the meeting held on 17 September, 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

The Sub-Group was informed that there were no items for consideration in the private session.

One-day conference – 22 May, 2015 – Progress

Mr. Flynn informed the Sub-Group that Aston Villa had been booked for 70 people and the only cost to SACRE would relate to the provision of refreshments. R E Today could be requested to produce the flyers for circulation to schools. A good take up by schools was anticipated but schools would be required to provide transport for their pupils and staff.

Resolved

- (1) That the progress on the arrangements for the one-day conference on 22 May, 2015 at Aston Villa football ground be noted;
- (2) That R E Today be requested to provide the publicity for the event.

SACRE Self-Evaluation – Progress

Mrs. Ensor reminded the Sub-Group of the contents of the report to SACRE at its last meeting when it agreed that further progress on moving from 'developing' to 'established' could be considered when information from schools on the sharing of expertise and resources on the delivery of the Agreed Syllabus was received. SACRE had acknowledged that the relationship with schools needed to be strengthened.

Mr. Flynn reported that Mr. Blaylock of R E Today had agreed to meet with head teachers of secondary schools and felt that it would be useful to meet once per term. Some primary teachers attended network meetings.

Resolved

That the present position be noted.

To set the agenda for the next meeting of SACRE

The Sub-Group set the agenda for the next meeting of SACRE.

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 5.35 p.m.