

**Dorset Standing Advisory Council for
Religious Education**

**01 June 2023
4.30pm**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

In attendance:

Name	Role
Debbie Tibbey (Chair) (DT)	Bahá'í Rep
Stephanie Rann (Vice Chair) (SR)	Teacher rep
Dave Rees (Advisor) (DR)	Advisor
Saima Afzal (SA)	Muslim rep
Hazel Baines (HB)	CoE Rep, Primary Teacher
Cllr Mary Penfold	Councillor
Cllr Pauline Batstone	Councillor
Cllr Robin Legg	Councillor
Barry Newman (BN)	Humanist rep
Nicola Coupe (NC)	Diocesan Link
Lynda Ford-Horne (LF-H)	Jewish Rep
Richard Howes (RH)	Dorset LA Link
Dominika Kruczkowska (DK)	Note Taker

Apologies:

Name	Role
Isla Ferguson (IR)	CoE Rep, Primary Teacher

		Action
1	Welcome and apologies	
	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were noted and introductions were made.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	
	Correction on minutes for Hazel Baines as Primary Teacher, not Secondary – noted and updated.	
3	Syllabus Update	
	<p>Working Party updates</p> <p>The first working party meeting has now taken place. This was attended by DT, DR, HB, BN, SR and RH.</p> <p>Five responses from schools have been received, all of them positive and there was good feedback from the teachers. SA brought the response as a faith representative.</p> <p>The decision was made that Syllabus update needs to be started now. The Syllabus from BCP has been received and the feedback has been useful – responses can be looked at and used to make changes to the Dorset Syllabus. It was noted that more feedback is needed from faith communities.</p> <p>It was noted that a word version of the Syllabus was needed rather than PDF so that it can be edited. At the moment there is only a PDF version Action: BN to look into converting document to Word.</p> <p>Next working party meeting is on 13th July. There have been some difficulties with having a broad representation. Discussion took place and the following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group is short of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhism and Catholic – this could be as result of a number of factors, including wanting to be private and low numbers in Dorset • Action: BN to make some enquiries with other faiths from within the community • Action: NC to speak to her contact in Wiltshire SACRE regarding a possible Buddhist contact in the Dorset area. NC will also ask if her Wiltshire contact would be willing to offer her reflections into the Buddhist element of the syllabus. DR and DT to be copied into email. 	<p style="text-align: center;">BN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: DR to ask the same of his SACRE contact in Slough • Action: LF-H to email DT details of her contact in BCP • HB noted that she has contacted primary schools – most of the feedback received has been from church schools but there are also some community schools on the list. • Action: SR to email all secondary schools in Dorset <p>Discussion took place around the launch of the event. It was agreed that a realistic date is needed to allow time for the collaborative input and preparation. DT and LF-H both suggested linking it with Interfaith Week in November but it was felt this was busy time for schools. It was agreed that January would be a good time to launch with a view to implementing from September. In order to enable more teachers to attend LFH suggested doing a twilight session at which people provide cakes. RH confirmed that the budget for this ring fenced and the Council would be able to support with printing etc.</p> <p>NC queried the legal requirements of the work in terms of ensuring we've got representation for each of the groups. DT confirmed that once the Working Party feels that its ready to be accepted that's it, however it will need to be ratified by the Council. It was agreed to aim for the Council meeting on 14th December as this allows time for it to be agreed by the Working Party.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Legg, Cllr Penfold and Cllr Batstone to find out whether it needs to go to the People & Health Committee first or if it can go straight to Full Council.</p> <p>Action: RH to support with getting it on the agenda at the appropriate Council meeting once identified.</p> <p>NC noted that in Wiltshire the agreed Syllabus was looked at particularly by the Council's Education School Improvement team, and queried if that's something this group should be considering. RH explained that in Dorset each of the seven Localities has an Education Challenge Lead but that they only support with School Improvement for the Maintained Schools. The Service is currently being lead by Amanda Davis, Corporate Director for Schools & Learning while recruitment takes place for a Principal Lead. Once in post they will oversee School Improvement as part of their remit, but this won't be until the Autumn term.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>LF-H</p> <p>SR</p> <p>Cllr Legg/Cllr Penfold/Cllr Batstone</p> <p>RH</p>
4	RE Advisor Update	
	<p>DR provided the RE Advisor Update. The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Plan has been sent out – it is the usual mix of what has to be done and what the Council would like to do with the available budget. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Action Plan includes the Annual Report and the new Syllabus, along with ensuring the SACRE meeting is well organised, meets regularly, is quorate and has representation from all views. • The issue of not being able to get a diverse representation isn't unique to Dorset or to rural areas • The Annual Report process will be starting again next term. • The Newsletter went out in April - next one will be sent September. • Networks have been running and useful feedback has been received from those. • DK is collating information on RE Leads. • There continues to be lots of information to roll out, including national and international events and new RE teaching resources. • There were no questions but DR to be emailed if there is anything anyone would like more information on. <p>Annual Report NC noted that it would be helpful for SACRE members to assist DR with putting together the Annual Report. This could include ideas on the sort of data that should be captured, for example how many schools attended a conference, the number of hub leaders there are, details of the RE Advisor networks and how many people come to meetings and training. It was agreed that there would not be time at today's meeting but it would be helpful to start planning the 2023/24 report. Further discussion to take place outside of this meeting and at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was noted last year's report had not been circulated. DR commented that there was an issue with some of the admin in terms of getting information to him on attendance reports at SACRE but that the report completed on time. Action: DR to circulate last year's Annual Report.</p> <p>LF-H commented that it may be useful to share the report with Councillors as would highlight the work that SACRE does.</p> <p>Action: All members to think about what information could be included in the next Annual Report and email DR. Timeline to be agreed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: DT to work with DK to put together list of meeting attendance.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>DT/DK</p>
5	SIAMS Inspection- National changes and The Diocesan programme for Church schools flourishing	
	<p>SIAMS Inspection NC informed the Council that the current SIAMS (Statutory Inspection for Anglican & Methodist Schools) schedule finishes in July and from September its being called a SIAMS Framework. This affects all CofE schools and takes place in addition to Ofsted</p>	

	<p>Inspections. The changes will have a significant impact on Church schools as there will be a 3 year cycle instead of a 5 year cycle. There will be a transition period but it is something to be aware of. There is information on the SIAMS website and NC has also put together a report sheet which will be sent to DK to circulate. Action: NC to email report to DK for circulation.</p> <p>Dioceses An update was also provided on what the Diocese is doing in terms of professional development around RE. There is a new learning platform that has been developed called Thinkific and all of the course materials and courses can get booked on there.</p> <p>NC reported that this year the Diocese ran three sessions for Church schools. There were 71 bookings for the first session with around 45 attendees. This could be because people are more likely to attend if its online. At the second session, which was about monitoring and evaluation around talking to pupils about RE, there were 42 bookings with 31 people attending. The third session in May was face-to-face in Salisbury with 34 bookings and 18 people attending. This included 6 Dorset schools, including HB and SR.</p> <p>Programme for Church Schools Flourishing NC provided an update on the Programme for Church Schools Flourishing. The Diocese is running this with the Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) and is about encouraging them to put forward colleagues to help with the work being done around RE and collective worship. SR and HB are both RE and Collective Worship Faculty Leads for their respective Academy Trusts.</p> <p>There is the Creative Inspiring Virtual Conference is on 19th March 2024, which SACRE members can attend for free. There is also a virtual training session on 7th November, where the adviser who wrote the Emmanuel project is going to look at the BCP syllabus and the Wiltshire syllabus. This will be relevant to all the schools and RE teachers.</p>	<p>NC</p>
	<p>Budget</p>	
	<p>RH provided an update on the budget. There is £7,555 left in the budget but this doesn't account for the BCP fees which still need to come out.</p>	
	<p>Any Other Business</p>	
	<p>Thursday 19th October, 2023, 4.30pm, Teams</p> <p>Thursday 14th March, 2024, 4.30pm, Teams</p> <p>Thursday 23rd May, 2024, 4.30pm, Teams</p>	