MINUTES OF THE AUTUMN TERM MEETING OF THE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2017 AT MARITIME HOUSE, BARKING

(10:00 am – 10:30 pm)

Present:  
Ms R K Sahota (Chair)  
Ms S Khan  
Rabbi I Shillor

Also present:  
Ms S Pradhan, Head of RE, Eastbury Community School (Borough Consultant for RE)  
Mr R Turner, Local Authority Representative  
Miss J Day, (Minute Clerk)

MINUTES – PART 1

646 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Fing.

647 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2017 were confirmed as a true record. 

Arising therefrom the members:

647.1 Membership of SACRE (Minute no. 639.1 refers)

a) were informed that an LA Representative had been appointed by the Cabinet Member for Education and they would be added to the mailing list.

b) were informed that there were vacancies for primary and secondary headteacher representatives. RT would enquire about recruiting new members, e.g. Marks Gate headteacher.

647.2 RE Reports (Minute no. 639.2 refers)

asked if any annual reports on RE had been received from schools to assist in SACRE’s monitoring role.

647.3 Remembering the Holocaust and Srebrenica (Minute no. 639.9 refers)

were informed that the link to the on-line video made for the 21st anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide had not been circulated yet. SK to provide JA with the link for distribution.

647.4 Review of Terms of Reference (Minute no. 648 refers)

asked if the SACRE minutes were being published on the council website and it
was confirmed that they were. Members asked if resources could be shared on
the website. It was suggested that they could be added to the School
Improvement Service website or the Learning Gateway in future.

647.5 Review of Agreed Syllabus (Minute no. 642 refers)

were informed that SP would meet the primary schools’ working group the
following day, and secondary school RE heads would meet in the Spring Term.

648 REVIEW OF DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

Members received the draft report and were informed that the report needs to be
completed by January. SP was waiting for data to add and the Chair would write an
introduction to the report. There will be some feedback on training and the
membership list will be updated.

649 MONITORING OF RE IN SCHOOLS

Copies of monitoring forms were tabled for information. These will be used to build up
SACRE’s monitoring records. RT suggested that schools be asked to provide evidence
of the effectiveness of their curriculum, e.g. comments in Ofsted reports, or
applications for the RE Quality Mark. RT suggested that the SACRE terms of
reference be circulated to schools to advise them of the purpose of SACRE. SP
suggested that SACRE could offer to visit schools, e.g. to observe an assembly. The
Chair could contact schools to ask if any were willing to host a SACRE meeting.

650 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Members agreed to consider SK’s guidance document “Practising Faith in Schools” at
the next meeting.

650 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Members agreed to hold future meetings as follows:

| Spring Term | Tuesday 6 February 2018. Include draft Agreed Syllabus. Suggest meeting to be held in a primary school or Maritime House. |
| Summer Term | Tuesday 22 May 2018. Finalise Agreed Syllabus. Meet in a place of worship if possible. |

All meetings to be held 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Agreed Syllabus launch – suggested date 26 June 2018, 1:30 pm, venue to be
confirmed.