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Agenda

Name of meeting	STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Date	WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2022
Time	4.00 PM
Venue	THE AUDITORIUM, CHRIST THE KING COLLEGE, WELLINGTON ROAD, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Members of the committee	Cllrs Feltham (Chairman), D Andre, C Critchison, Alexander, Augustus, Bahar, Bligh, Brenchley, Britton, Burt, Chalmers, Corney, Hackleton, Jeewa, Kirby, Leonard, Miller, Mobley, Sechiari, Slade-Carter, Stella, Thomas and Wilde Democratic Services Officer: Sarah Philipsborn democratic.services@iow.gov.uk

1. **Reflection**

To be provided by the head teacher of Christ the King College.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.



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4. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 8)

1. To confirm as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2021.
2. To discuss any actions from the minutes

5. **Membership Update**

To receive a verbal update.

6. **Living Difference IV** (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive a report updating SACRE regarding developments in relation to Living Difference IV.

7. **Monitoring Report** (Pages 11 - 12)

To receive a report.

8. **Activities of National and Regional RE bodies including South Central SACRE Hub meetings**

To include an update regarding activities of National and Regional RE events and meetings, including South Central Hub and Future NASACR meetings.

9. **Brief updates or notifications of items to be brought to future meetings**

To receive updates and notification of future agenda items.

10. **Date and venue of the next meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is on 27 June 2022: 16:00-18:00.

CHRISTOPHER POTTER
Monitoring Officer
Tuesday, 15 March 2022

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Minutes

Name of meeting	STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Date and Time	TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Feltham (Chairman), D Andre, C Critchison, Bligh, Brenchley, Burt, Cox, Hackleton, Kirby, Leonard, Sechiari, Slade-Carter and Wilde
Officers Present	J Ball, M Bartlett, C Sadler
Apologies	Cllrs L Alexander, Augustus, Bahar, Chalmers, Corney, Jeewa, Miller, Mobley, Stella and Thomas

12. **Reflection**

No reflection was taken at the meeting. Members were invited to let the Clerk know in advance if they would like to hold a reflection at the next meeting.

13. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were given from, Norma Corney, Beryl Miller, Lianne Chalmers, Nicki Mobley, Sister Stella, Kirsty Thomas.

14. **Declarations of Interest**

Justine Ball wished to make a standing declaration that she works 1 day a month for the National Association of the Teachers of Religious Education.

15. **Minutes**

The minutes were approved with minor amendment to the dates of the next meetings.

16. **Membership Update**

New members of the committee were introduced and welcomed to the committee. Past and soon to be leaving members of the committee were also thanked for their time and commitment to the committee.

17. Monitoring Report

It was brought to the committees attention that the Monitoring Group, a sub group of SACRE has been re-instated since the end of lockdown. Current members of SACRE were invited to join the group and heard how the sub group looked in detail at monitoring Religious Education and all members of SACRE were welcome to join.

It was asked if it could be recorded that Beth from The Bay was recorded by AQA to have exemplary marking for GCSE results. Thanks was also given to Ryde Academy to as their moderation was assessed as good.

The committee were advised that on the SACRE website the figures of the number of students entered for the RE GCSE and their grades were available for viewing, and it was asked if this could be recorded. These figures can also be compared to other areas of the UK. Link to the webpage needs to be added

18. SACRE Three year action Plan

The action plan was passed around by the Clerk and the committee was given time to consider the plan. The changes in the plan were raised and members were invited to make comments or changes to the action plan.

It was noted that despite collective worship being in the three year plan on more than one occasion and that the authority were finding it difficult to monitor. The committee also said they felt that section two, number seven is a living document so should be changed to Amber. The Chairman agreed this would be made amber.

19. Activities of National and Regional RE bodies including South Central SACRE Hub meetings

Justine Ball gave the committee an update on activities nationally, the south central hub and NASACRE. It was noted that the annual report would have a new template and the annual report will be taken to the Isle of Wight Council's Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills in its new format.

20. Brief updates or notifications of items to be brought to future meetings

It was noted that the SACRE constitution had not been updated for a length of time and contained nothing regarding virtual meetings. This triggered a review of the constitution to be added to the agenda for the next meeting. It was suggested a sub-committee was formed to review the constitution and members were asked to make themselves known if they would like to volunteer. A member raised quoracy being added to the review as there had previously been meetings that were close to not being quorate.

21. Date and venue of the next meeting

Members were invited to let the committee know if they knew of any schools that would like to host the next SACRE meeting on March 23rd march 2022 commencing at 1600hrs.

CHAIRMAN

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Purpose: For Decision

Committee report

Committee	Isle of Wight SACRE
Date	23 March 2022
Title	Living Difference IV update
Report of	Professional Adviser to the SACRE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks to inform SACRE of events that have taken place regarding the launch of Living Difference IV and adjustments being made.

RECOMMENDATION

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| 1. That SACRE notes and approves the report. |
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BACKGROUND

2. Two full day, virtual launch conferences have taken place on 30 November 2021 with 179 delegates and 12 January 2022 with 164 delegates. A further half day virtual event for those who were unable to attend either of the larger events is scheduled for 14 June 2022. Further training is available to teachers through network meetings and other events.
3. A small adjustment will be made on page 3 of the syllabus, which currently says "This Agreed Syllabus is the basis on which Standing Advisory Councils for Religious Education (SACREs) in Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton and the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) will determine the effectiveness of religious education." Advice has been taken from the Hampshire Legal Team, and the words 'and the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted)' will be removed from the third line of the third paragraph. Whilst this wording was used in Living Difference III and is not strictly inaccurate, we do not want schools to be of the view that they do not also need to take into account the latest Ofsted Handbook at the time, were they to receive an Ofsted Inspection. This adjustment will be made and the updated version of Living Difference IV circulated with the addendum noted. This does not impact the syllabus in any other way.

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Purpose: For Decision

Committee report

Committee	Isle of Wight SACRE
Date	23 March 2022
Title	Monitoring group report
Report of	Professional Adviser to the SACRE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update SACRE regarding the activities of the SACRE Monitoring Group.

RECOMMENDATION

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| 1. That SACRE notes this monitoring group report. |
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BACKGROUND

- 2 This report informs SACRE of the matters discussed at the SACRE Monitoring Group meeting that took place virtually on 31 January 2022.

CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

3. SACRE has a statutory responsibility to monitor the effectiveness of the agreed syllabus. This group meets before each full SACRE meeting in order to support SACRE in fulfilling this responsibility.
4. Those present at the meeting were: Justine Ball (Supporting Officer), Harry Kirby and Beth Feltham. Apologies were given by Alison Burt.
5. GCSE
The Monitoring Group discussed the examinations in the summer of 2022. Following the meeting, an update was sent to schools on 7 February regarding adjustments to be made to the material to be examined. Monitoring Group discussed the difficulties faced by schools in light of Covid-19 during the last 2 years, and how this will have impacted students as they prepare for examinations in the summer of 2022.

6. Locally Agreed Syllabus: monitoring adoption and implementation
Two large full-day launch conferences have taken place in November and January, with a further half day event planned for June. Secondary and primary school uptake on these events was exceptionally strong with almost 400 schools attending or in other ways following up the events. Updating the online support materials available for schools is now underway. A meeting was held in December to update the guidance for schools in using the resource 'Understanding Christianity' with Living Difference IV in Church of England Schools. This guidance includes an exemplar long-term map.
7. Collective worship
SACRE Monitoring Group is following up SACRE's desire to monitor and exemplify best practice in Collective Worship, in both primary and secondary schools, across the authority. Training and support, especially for primary schools, in developing their Collective Worship has been offered through a Collective Worship training course that is offered online twice a year and through discussions in network groups. From September 2022 monitoring visits for both primary and secondary schools will include asking about schools' Collective Worship policy. Examples of good practice will be brought to SACRE in due course.
8. Withdrawal Survey for 2021
26 Island schools completed the survey from a range of primary, secondary and special schools. The number of children withdrawn from all or parts of RE and Collective Worship were very low indeed.
9. SACRE Monitoring Visits
Dates are now being set for face-to-face visits to resume following some flexibility around virtual visits in recent months in light of Covid-19.
10. Professional education opportunities for teachers
Many head teachers were present at the virtual Living Difference IV Launch Conferences. HIAS RE Network meetings have taken place and the CofE Diocese has also been running network meetings linking to Living Difference IV. In light of the positive reception to the cross-phase launch conferences, a further cross-phase conference bringing together primary and secondary teachers is being planned for 12 October 2022. It is hoped that this conference will be face-to-face. Primary island teachers asked for further help and support with embedding Living Difference IV in their schools during recent Island networks and in particular, advice on golden threads and on progression in religions. This is being written by the professional adviser and will be available to schools for Easter. Time is also being offered to Primary RE leaders in meetings before the end of March to discuss embedding golden threads throughout RE planning across the school. Further opportunities will be offered to secondary and special schools after March so that support has been offered to all schools to plan for implementing Living Difference IV from September 2022.
11. Evidence gathered from Ofsted Inspections and other inspection/advisory visits.
In the period between the autumn Monitoring Group meeting and this Monitoring Group meeting, there had been no mention of religious education in any published Ofsted reports of inspections taking place on the island.
A SACRE support and advisory visit has been undertaken to one primary school and this will be extended to other schools after March 2022.

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