

**SHROPSHIRE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
9 March 2022, 18.15  
Via MS Teams**

**Present**

Adrian Black	Sue Michaels
David Bowgett (left at 7.25)	Simon Nightingale
Jane Crouch	Denise Samari
Mark Harrington	

**In Attendance**

Fiona Moss, John Rowe, Sue Round, Helen Woodbridge (Clerk)

**1. Welcome from chair**

The chair thanked all for attending and for their contributions.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Akasharaja Bruton – potential member	Other commitment
Kate Linnell	Illness
Fi Iddon	Other commitment
Mike Isherwood	Council commitment
Mark Michaels	Work commitment
Bill Morris	Other commitment
Rachel Parsonage	Other commitment
Sohayb Peerbhai	Work commitment
Steph Shirra	Illness
Amanda Skidmore	Work commitment

**3. Declaration of interest**

Fiona Moss advised that she works for RE Today.

**4. Minutes of meeting held on 17 November 2021**

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record.

**5. Matters arising from the minutes above (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)**

8	Talk further re web based provision. This will be covered later on the agenda.
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	Some items for the SLG had been sent to John Rowe  The existing visits booklet is on this agenda.
10	The draft annual report is on this agenda.
13	This meeting is online but hopefully the next meeting will be in person.
14	The website discussion will cover additions to the syllabus.  Talk to Baha'i SACRE members in other parts of the country to find out what they have done - Denise Samari was not present at this point.

## 6. Publication of minutes

Sue Round explained how minutes will be published in future. Shropshire Council Committee Services will make provision for SACRE as a standing committee to be included within their service. They will also post the dates of meetings.

Further information could also be provided – memberships details, contacts etc. David Bowgett suggested that SACRE would need to ensure that minutes can't be misinterpreted by the general public. It was agreed that they will not be a complete verbatim record of the meeting but will capture the main discussion points.

A contact was agreed – the chair's work email address.

Fiona Moss stressed that it needed it to be made clear that members of the public can attend SACRE meetings.

Sue Round will liaise with Committee Services.

## 7. Annual Report

The new template which had been completed by Fiona Moss and Adrian Black was shared. This is a public document and will go on the website as well as being sent to DfE and NASACRE.

A member thought this an impressive report and was pleased to see how much is being done.

The annual report was approved. It will be circulated to all members as well as Committee Services, DFE and NASACRE.

## 8. Update on Shropshire Learning Gateway

The chair advised that John Rowe had been updating the SLG with a small range of information about SACRE and the agreed syllabus. There will be an SLG 2. John Rowe had met with IT and they are promising SLG2 by April. There will be improved navigation and accessibility. John Rowe offered to add anything further for SACRE members.

Ideas of what to include were discussed:

- Visits and visitors
- Links to the films
- The transcripts that support the films
- Short video clips (as per Berkshire SACRE) – could use mobile phones or via Zoom.
- Shrewsbury Interfaith Group. (Also add to Visits booklet)
- South Shropshire Interfaith Group. (Also add to Visits booklet)
- URLs provided at network meetings.

This is to be discussed further at the summer meeting.

## 9. RE Hub Meeting

The chair advised that Steph Shirra had set up a hub for primary schools in Shrewsbury and Fiona Moss added that there may be others in the south of the county.

The chair advised of meetings taking place between secondary school RE leaders within his MAT.

## 10. Visits/information booklet

A reminder was given to all to ensure this is up to date. It will be sent out again. The chair agreed to send this to the clerk.

## 11. KS4 Compliance

The chair advised that the local syllabus had reminded heads that all pupils needed to be taught RE. He advised that some schools have option groups at KS4 but no other provision. He was hoping to advise schools that as long as they are starting to put in some KS4 provision (this could be short course, extended project qualification (but they can't do this immediately) that SACRE would approve.

SACRE members agreed this – but were keen that schools move towards an accreditation for all.

Fiona Moss advised that nationally, Ofsted have been making this clear and are asking more questions.

## 12. Ofsted Reports

Fiona Moss had circulated a report on recent OFSTED inspections in Shropshire. This demonstrated that RE can be covered in Quality of Education or in Personal Development.

There had been fewer inspections in Shropshire than usual.

Two mentioned Islam in personal development.

One school was critiqued for putting subjects together (and this may have included RE).

An RE deep dive took place at the fourth school. It found that teachers had not mapped out precise knowledge they want children to learn or had a clear overview. The progression map is key.

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Examples from national Ofsted reports are on the NATRE website.

### 13. National Update

Fiona Moss provided an overview of her report. SACRE may choose to write to MP about the fact that no money has been spent on RE.

An in-person NASACRE conference is coming up in Birmingham.

Next week on 15<sup>th</sup> there is a free online training evening on SACRE self evaluation which Steph Shirra is attending.

There is a project around religion and world views to write a guidebook that will be given to SACREs to support new syllabuses – groups will be needed to test this.

The chair suggested that members be emailed about the place at the NASACRE conference.

### 14. RE Advisory Support

Fiona Moss summarised the support that had been provided:

- Early December - syllabus drop in
- Also offered support on RE deep dives – two part session
- Primary and secondary network sessions

### 15. To confirm dates, times and venues of the meetings for 2021/22

29 June 2022, 18.15 – 20.15– the Darwin Centre, Frankwell.

### 16. Any other business

Mark Harrington advised that the DBE had reconstituted and that two more members for SACRE would be put forward shortly.

The meeting closed at 20.02

### Summary of Actions from the meeting

6	Liaise with Committee Services.	Sue Round
7	The annual report was approved. It will be circulated to all members as well as Committee Services, DFE and NASACRE.	Clerk
8	SLG update to be on the next agenda	Clerk
10	Send the Visits/Information Booklet to the clerk.	Chair
13	Email members re interest in attending the NASACRE conference	Clerk

Date ..... Chair .....

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