Torbay SACRE Minutes

# 30th June, 2017

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| **Agenda Item** | **Comments** | **Action** |
| **1** | **Welcome**  It was acknowledged that this meeting was quorate.  Attendees:  **Chair: Ms. Corrine Guntrip (NATRE)**  **Advisor; Mr. David Hampshire**  Group A - Mrs Charlotte Caluori (Roman Catholic)    Group B - Mr Phillip Mantell (Church of England)    Group C - Ms. Claire Entwistle (NATRE)  Mrs Heather Savini (NATFHE)  Ms. Corrine Guntrip (NATRE)  Group D - Debbie Horn (Local Authority) |  |
| **2** | **Apologies**  Group A - Rev Peter Killick    Group B - Mrs Angela Sumner  Rev. Ian Blyde  Group C - Mr Andrew Strachan (ATL)  Group D - Cllr Ms. Di Stubley  Cllr Ms. Jane Barnby  There was a discussion regarding SACRE membership, the makeup of SACRE’s groups and total numbers required for the meeting to be quorate according to the constitution. Mr. Hampshire reiterated that the Local Authority is the appointing body and appointments can be made by the Chief Executive or Portfolio Holder, whichever the Authority decides in line with the constitution. If a member is not present at 2 or more meetings, without sending apologies then the Authority are duty bound to go back to the nominating body to advise them that the group is not being represented and they would need to put another person forward who could to attend the meetings. |  |
| **3** | **Minutes**  Minutes of the 2nd February 2017 were not accepted as they were not available at the meeting, they would be presented to the next meeting. |  |
| **4** | **Matters arising from the minutes**  None from previous minutes as they were available.  A discussion was had about the timescales involved in producing and publishing SACRE’s agendas and papers. Mr. Hampshire confirmed that the following;   * Agenda, papers and minutes need to be published 3 clear days before the meeting (this is a statutory minimum requirement, see Statutory Instrument 1994 No. 1304). * Public questions can be submitted up to 17.30pm the evening before the meeting to be heard/discussed * Minutes need to be sent 10 days post meeting date to the Chair and advisor to be agreed. The approval of these minutes will be 1st working day after they are received. Once they are approved the Local Authority will have them uploaded onto the Torbay SACRE web page stating “subject to be accepted at last meeting”   The group were informed that there would be a new Clerk in place for the next meeting. The new clerk will have sight of the guidance and adhere to the timeframes and requirements.  It was discussed that Mrs. Horn could not be Vice-chair due to her working for the Local Authority as this would be a conflict of interest. The Chair has advised this will be carried forward to next meeting. | **Carried forward to next meeting.** |
| **5** | **Public Questions. One public question has been notified to the Advisor**  Ms. Savini advised the group about a newspaper article regarding LiNX Christian Youth Trust. There was a large discussion around the type of delivery as there was nothing explaining their approach.  Mr Hampshire has received a written response from Paul Riceback in Exeter. Mr Hampshire read the statement to the group and handed a copy to the clerk to be uploaded on to the SACRE web page.  Mr Hampshire informed the group that LiNX are happy to visit and therefore Torbay SACRE will extend an invitation to Tim at LiNX to attend the next meeting. | **Appendix A**  **Mrs. Guntrip** |
| **6** | **SACRE Development Planning**  Mr Hampshire discussed the report and suggested having an AGM SACRE in the Autumn Term and that a development plan for a 4 year period should be put in place. This was based in part on council elections. It was also noted that the review of the Agreed Syllabus needs to be every five years according to the Statutory requirement. In this instance the review would happen within the four year planning cycle.  It was acknowledged that it is very difficult to find the Torbay Agreed syllabus. Mr Hampshire will send an electronic copy to the Local Authority who will ensure it is uploaded on the Torbay SACRE web page.  It was suggested by Mrs Horn that a working party should meet before the next SACRE meeting to work on the development plan. This proposal was accepted. Mr Hampshire stated that any subgroup of SACRE must have a member from each Group to be quorate and valid in accordance with the Education Act 1996.  The recommendations 3.1 and 3.2 of the report fell. The wording was amended to allow for the convening of a subgroup which would report to the next SACRE as set out in the minute. It was proposed by Mrs Savini and seconded by Mrs Caluori. | **Mr. Hampshire**  **Mrs. Horn and Mrs. Guntrip** |
| **7** | **Recent national events and their impact on RE and collective worship**  Mr Hampshire delivered a report regarding the current events and the impact this was having with a large number of teachers wanting to withdraw teaching Islam in schools and some schools were cancelling trips to Mosque’s and Cathedrals etc.  A recommendation was made that Mr. Hampshire will send any National Guidance to Torbay SACRE for it to consider at a future meeting. Recommendations 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 were adopted by the meeting proposed by Mr Mantell and seconded by Ms Entwistle. | **Mr. Hampshire** |
| **8** | **Torbay LTLRE Hub (Oral report by the Chair)**  Mrs. Guntrip advised the group that they were still looking for a Secondary leader. The hub is currently having between 4-20 people attending but with no real pattern. The last meeting with South Devon had a good turnout of about 25 teachers.  In September Ed Pawson will be delivering some twilight sessions for teachers to attend and try to attract more community schools and there is an event in St. Mullion in October with Penny Rhufus Rouvas as a guest speaker. |  |
| **9** | **Torbay based Farmington Fellowship Update Report (Oral by the Chair)**  Mrs. Guntrip advised the group that she has been awarded a Farmington Fellowship and will be working with Karen Walsh (Tutor at Exeter University)  Mrs. Guntrip has chosen to look at “Parental engagement in RE and attitudes with progression”.  Mrs. Guntrip will research and make a presentation to SACRE along with going on line and looking at presenting through the hub. | **Mrs. Guntrip** |
| **10** | **Inter Faith Week – 12-19th November 2017**  Recommended all schools are written to and encourage them to take part in Inter Faith Week and to look at the Interfaith Toolkit, which will be put on SACRE’s webpage. |  |
| **11** | **Future of advice to Torbay SACRE (Oral report)**  Mr. Hampshire advised that he will be stepping back and that this would be his last meeting.  Mr. Hampshire discussed with the group the benefits of putting this position out to tender. It was noted that if the tender was taken up by an organisation like Babcock (who currently provide support to Torbay) they would have to provide a person to support SACRE as it would be a contractual arrangement. Where an individual was appointed there may be issues if that person was ill or unable to work – as had happened previously to SACRE.  Mr. Hampshire advised that until an official tender process has been completed then to seek any professional advice from Ed Pawson in the interim period.  Mrs. Horn confirmed that these details will be included in the procurement process. | **Mrs. Horn** |
| **12** | **Next Meeting Dates**  **Friday 17th November 2017 at 09.30**  (ideally in a school – Mrs. Guntrip to advise)  **Tuesday 16th February 2018 at 09.30**  (venue TBC)  **Thursday 14th June 2018 at 09.30**  (venue TBC) | **DATE’S TBC BY DOODLE POLL** |