



Torbay SACRE Minutes

9th July 2019

Agenda Item	Comments	Action
1	<p><u>Welcome and apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Ed welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that there was no chair for today's meeting. It was agreed that Ed would Chair this meeting.</p> <p>Everyone welcomed 2 new members Cllr Hazel Foster and Shelley Moss who bring with them a wealth of knowledge and expertise.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Mr Yousif Al-Nassar, Mr Phillip Mantell, Rev Angela Sumner, , Mrs Charlotte Caluori, Cllrs Darling, Law, Brown, Maia Miller, Carly Watson and Mrs Corrine Guntrip</p> <p><u>Attendees:</u></p> <p>Advisor: Mr. Ed Pawson</p> <p>Group A - Mr Bill Becher (Quaker)</p> <p>Group B - Apols</p> <p>Group C - Mrs Clare Bird (NATRE)</p> <p>Group D - Debbie Horn (Local Authority) Sue Moses (Local Authority Minutes)</p> <p>Torbay Councillors Cllr Hazel Foster Co-opted members Penny Rouvas (Sikh)</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting on 15th February 2019 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting. It was agreed and seconded that the minutes were signed off.</p>	
3	<p><u>Items requiring urgent attention</u></p> <p>Nothing was brought to the Chair's attention</p>	



<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Torbay SACRE Membership</u></p> <p>Ed briefed everyone on the governance arrangements for Torbay SACRE. Round table introductions followed.</p> <p>The Membership of SACRE was discussed and it was agreed that recruitment for new members be sought.</p> <p>Group A – Christian and other Religions other than Church of England Confirmed attendees: URC Mrs Shelley Moss, Pentecostal Mrs Carly Watson, Non-Christian traditions: Mr Yousif Al-Nassar, Moslim, Bill Becher Quaker, Penny Rouvas Sikh Action: Ed to write to Mr Yousif Al-Nassar to see if he is still committed to be a SACRE member.</p> <p>Group B – Church of England Confirmed attendees: Mr Philip Mantel, Rev Angela Sumner, Mrs Charlotte Caluori Diocesan Board of Education.</p> <p>It was noted that a quarter of schools in Torbay are Church of England schools.</p> <p>Action: Ed to follow up possible replacement in Group B and enquire whether Mrs Caluori still wishes to be a member of Torbay SACRE.</p> <p>Group C – Associations representing teachers – Confirmed attendees – Ms Claire Bird, Mrs Corrine Guntrip, Mr Jeremy Roberts and Ms Jacqui Stephens</p> <p>Jeremy Roberts has been invited to attend Torbay SACRE from Devon SACRE in the absence of local secondary headteacher representation.</p> <p>It was agreed that SACRE would welcome more teacher representation.</p> <p>Members considered how best to engage secondary headteachers representation. Debbie advised that the recent Torbay Association of Secondary Headteachers (TASH) group has recently reformed. She said this would be a good opportunity for Ed to address the secondary headteachers on the work of SACRE.</p> <p>Action Ed to write to South Devon College for post 16 school representation</p>	
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	<p>Torbay Councillors – Confirmed attendees: Cllr Cordeila Law, Cllr Hazel Foster, Cllr Celia Brown and Cllr Mandy Darling</p> <p>Co-opted Member: Maia Miller Pagan Health and Wellbeing Community</p> <p>Members considered other representation from a Humanist representative and Bill will send Ed contact details for Dr Kevin Dixon and Father Peter March.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Apologia: the purpose of SACRE</u></p> <p>The meeting reflected on the previously circulated report which outlines the role of SACRE and what has been stated.</p> <p>It was highlighted that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Authorities are required to establish a SACRE to advise the LA on matters pertaining to religious education and collective worship.• Religious education is not a national curriculum subject but must be taught in all state funded schools but not academies• Ofsted states that RE courses should be accredited• Torbay SACRE has been successful in introducing a new RE syllabus• Torbay SACRE continues to monitor RE curriculums across all schools in Torbay <p>It was agreed that this was a useful and helpful report to reflect on the purpose and role of SACRE.</p> <p><i>Further discussion ensued about a newspaper article naming and shaming Gloucestershire schools for not entering any pupils for GCSE Religious Education. The Council were criticised for not fulfilling its statutory duty.</i></p> <p><i>Members reflected on the impact of naming and shaming individual schools in Torbay and were not happy to adopt this stance.</i></p> <p><i>It was agreed that a better way forward in promoting Religious Education in schools would be for Ed to address the TASH and TAPS meetings when he can report on the Annual Report results and raise awareness of RE.</i></p> <p><i>Action: Debbie to talk to Rachael Williams about arranging a agenda slot for Ed at one of these meetings</i></p>	



<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Agreed Syllabus Launch</u></p> <p>Ed thanked Torbay Council for supporting the RE Syllabus Launch event which received excellent responses from those schools who attended. He said that this new RE Syllabus has set the bar and expectation for schools in delivering RE. Debbie thanked Ed for his hard work in delivering the launch events.</p> <p>Ed reported a good attendance from Torbay primary schools.</p> <p>Members recognised that the RE Syllabus meets the new Ofsted Framework requirement. This will enable schools to demonstrate intent, implementation and impact in RE.</p> <p>Members reflected on the contents of the New RE Syllabus.</p> <p><u>SACRE Budget</u></p> <p>Debbie asked Members to note the position of the outturn of the SACRE budget for 2019. She pointed out that costs had been incurred through the RE Syllabus launch, attendee expenses, conference attendance and professional fees through Babcock for Ed's time.</p> <p>She reported that there will be a deficit by the end of this financial year, however, the new 20/21 budget will balance out the deficit. She reported that there is no more spend available this year.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>SACRE Development plan update</u></p> <p>Ed introduced the SACRE Development Plan for 2019/20 which has an allocated SACRE adviser time of 10 days per year.</p> <p>Members looked at the key tasks and challenged:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3B: To line with, support and co-operate with Learn, Teach Lead RE Programme – Debbie said that the Local Authority is not in a position support the LTLRE hubs this year, however, she can review this in the new budget in 2020. It was agreed that other funding bids should be explored.• 4A – Evaluating and appraising provision for Collective Worship in community schools – Ed will agenda this item for Autumn term meeting as the guidance requires to be updated• 1A Debbie asked Ed about the monitoring impact visits report – Ed said that he had not yet received Phillip's report. Debbie requested that the	



	<p>monitoring should be through focussed visits and conversations with all schools. Ed will update the key tasks wording</p> <p>Claire Bird left the meeting</p>	
8.	<p><u>Teacher Training through Worldviews</u> Ed said that he intends to invite Ruth Flanagan, ITE tutor to give a presentation about this at the October meeting.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Learn Teach Lead RE Updates</u> Ed reported that a new hub has been established in mid-Devon at the request of teachers. The Team leads continue to support and embed the new RE Syllabus with schools.</p>	
10.	<p><u>National Developments: Ofsted and RE Commission updates</u> Ed reported that the new Ofsted Inspection Framework will mark a significant change to the way subjects like RE are inspected. He said that all pupils in a maintained school are required to have a basic curriculum which includes RE.</p> <p>The Ofsted Inspection will be over two days and will focus on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad and balanced curriculums • Subjects will be chosen for a deep dive investigation which could include RE • Academies will be expected to have a similar breath and ambition in delivering RE as maintained schools • Teachers will need to have expert knowledge of their subjects 	
11.	<p><u>Interfaith Week 2019 and HMD 2020: planning and updates :</u> Bill announced that there is a meeting this week on 11th July at 6 p.m. when preparations for the interfaith week will be discussed.</p> <p>Members discussed how Torbay could organise an interfaith school event.</p> <p>Action Ed and Bill to have talks about publishing a newsletter to schools about interfaith week and how schools could book a guest speaker to attend a session at their school.</p>	



	<p>Ed talked about the Holocaust Memorial event which is being arranged in Exeter in 2019.</p> <p>Members recognised that Torbay does not arrange a Holocaust Memorial event due to limited resources.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Hate Crime Awareness</u></p> <p>Ed will circulate to the group details of the 'Responding to Hate Crime' report produced by Keith Denby.</p> <p>Debbie reported that the TSCB Education Subgroup is currently analysing the data from schools about racist incidences which has recently seen a spike in numbers. She will bring a report back to SACRE in six months.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Feedback from SW SACRE Conference 4th March 2019</u></p> <p>Bill thanked SACRE for supporting both himself and Maia to attend the conference. They both felt it was presented excellently.</p>	
14.	<p><u>Future SACRE Meetings</u></p> <p>Members agreed the future SACRE Meetings:- Friday 18th October 2019 1400-16.30 Tuesday 11th February 2020 14.30 – 17.00 Friday 5th June 2020 14.00.16.30</p>	

Action List

Agenda item	Action
Minutes	MP Engagement – future agenda item for 2020
Membership	Ed to write to South Devon College for post 16 representation at SACRE Bill to send Ed contacts details for Dr Kevin Dickson and Father Peter March to join SACRE
Apologia: the purpose of SACRE	Ed to follow up attending the schools TASH and TAPS meeting to raise RE profile in schools. Debbie will talk to Rachael Williams about arranging this
SACRE Development plan	Ed to reword 1A to say 'monitoring and conversations with focussed visit with all schools' ED will agenda 'Collective Worship' for next meeting of SACRE
Teacher Training through Worldviews	Ed to invite Ruth Flanagan, ITE tutor to give a presentation on Teaching Training through Worldviews in October's meeting



Interfaith
Developments

Ed and Bill to talk about publishing a newsletter to schools about interfaith week and how schools could book a guest speaker to attend a session at their school.