

**Agreed Syllabus Conference 2022/25 for Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Rutland
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday 29th June 2022 at 17.00**

Minutes of meeting

Present

Sukaina Manji (Chair of Peterborough SACRE and Chair of the ASC Committee)
Julia Ewans (Chair of Cambridgeshire SACRE)
Amanda Fitton (AF, RE advisor)
Gurdev Singh (GS)
Becky Palmer (BP)
Caroline Vinall (CV)
Laura Corcoran (SACRE Clerk)
Cllr Alex Bulat (AB)
Peter Holmes (PH)

No	Agenda Item	Action
1.0	<u>Welcome</u> SM welcomed members to the meeting.	
2	<u>Declarations of interest</u> There were no declarations of interest.	
3	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies had been received from David Roberts, Jemma Coulson and Toby Sherring.	
4.0 4.1	Minutes of the meeting on 25/5/22 and matters arising The minutes were agreed as a true record. Review of actions / matters arising The world views meeting had not gone ahead. Members to share weblinks based on their faith areas – clerk to remind all faith members External faith groups not represented to contribute to faith document – chair / clerk to -Pedagogy of AS – to add to the agenda for 13 July on in house Agreed Syllabus Day / workshop. AF fed back following a meeting she had attended regarding how SACREs should proceed in production of Agreed Syllabus. AF to share the notes from this meeting. - AF and PS to convene to review the PowerPoint and to add a statement to the PowerPoint regarding non-religious views – clerk to follow up on progress	
5 5.1	Treasurer / budget update AF to liaise with Emma Fuller to obtain an up-to-date budget.	
6 6.1 6.2	<u>ASC update on work taken place since last meeting</u> -Is the progress of the AS committee on track? A discussion followed. SM confirmed that as per recent discussions, the deadline may be put back if necessary. In the first instance a timeline must be put together. It was discussed that the workshop on 13 th July must be an opportunity to make sufficient progress. To date to firm plan / timeline is in place. A member suggested the output from 13 th July being fed back to respective SACREs. Members discussed the importance of participation of all members and faith group representatives - and were reminded of the remit of AF as advisor to the committee only. -The committee discussed the arrangements for 13 th July. This would be the committee's first in house meeting for almost 2 years and would be an opportunity to meet all members and to put plans for the new Agreed Syllabus in place. e times would be 9-3 and an agenda would be put together. AF asked members to bring a packed lunch and a cup to drink from. <u>World views draft handbook</u> -The handbook had been circulated. SM asked members for feedback on the proposed handbook and the following comments were noted:	

	<p>SM – drew attention to page 16 and the use of age-appropriate language – how different religions can be explained to those who do not understand one another’s cultures.</p> <p>CV -appreciated the visuals including the concepts diagram which seemed to represent the committee’s recent discussions around world views. CV questioned the concept that world views are inhabited. There is a good section on ‘how to develop your Syllabus’ and SACREs should follow this at local level. The committee discussed the importance of a localised approach to ensure it reflects the community it serves. Diversity should be incorporated within the context of syllabus.</p> <p>JE – Suggested that if the committee follow the handbook the Agreed Syllabus would be well co-ordinated but asked that the committee agree one or two aspects that the world views project is proposing and quoted the national statement of entitlement. Could this be a good opening statement for the Agreed Syllabus? It was suggested that JE puts this onto a separate word document and brings to the workshop on 13th July.</p> <p>-GS – agreed that the document was very much in line with the committee’s recent discussion but contained more detail. The next steps would be to develop our opening summary further, as per JE’s suggestion.</p> <p>-BP – likes that it focuses on the relevance of young people and diversity within religion.</p> <p>PH – raised the difference of views and statements between the various documents that were circulated. SM agreed that there were some mixed messages.</p> <p>AB – found the document very useful and easy to read and understand. Concerning to see the level of population growth and how we adapt to this at a local level. Important to address the different categories of data for example identifying as non religious. Agreed that this would inform SACRE’s Autumn term agendas.</p> <p>CV raised the fact that she has observed - from going into schools - how little resources they have. The syllabus allows some degree of freedom to create own resources and plans. The numbers of people going into teacher training are decreasing at present. There should be a national resource which supports teachers with contents and units of work, a foundation that can be built upon. This should be free for schools and written by experts. RE remains to be a neglected subject and teachers require support so that they do not have to frequently go to google. A member questioned whether this should even be the remit of the 3 SACREs. There will be a lot of work required to shift mindsets regarding world views and the curriculum. How SACRE can support the work of non-specialist RE teachers. This matter should be discussed further at the workshop on 13 July.</p> <p>View in the draft handbook vs document from independent schools – committee to pursue this via further discussions at the workshop day.</p> <p>AB asked about the census data – this could offer an interesting insight on diversity figures and an oppounrity to work with the county data team to obtain further breakdowns where required. JE said herself and AF had checked this and the religious data will not be available until October at the earliest. This would not affect the timing of the writing of the new Agreed Syllabus however. JE drew attention to the large population growth within Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.</p>	
<p>7 7.1</p>	<p><u>Future meeting dates</u></p> <p>TBA for 2022-23. SM consulted members on frequency of meetings going forward – should these continue monthly or 6 weekly? It was agreed that a decision on the format of meetings would be decided at the planning meeting on 13th July.</p> <p>Inhouse planning meeting on Weds 13 July – agree format / scheme of work for the day</p>	
<p>8.0</p>	<p><u>Any other business</u> <u>There was no any other business.</u></p>	

The meeting closed at 18.10.

Signed: _____ Chair of SACRE

Agreed action	By whom	By when
Worldviews document and potential opening statement for the Agreed Syllabus? It was suggested that JE puts this onto a separate word document and brings to the workshop on 13 th July.	JE	Next meeting
Treasurer / budget update AF to liaise with Emma Fuller to obtain an up-to-date budget.	AF	
AF to circulate the notes following the recent Agreed Syllabus meeting she had attended.	AF	
AF and PS to convene to review the PowerPoint and to add a statement to the PowerPoint regarding non-religious views – clerk to follow up on progress	AS and PS	
The work of SACRE must support non-specialist RE teachers. This matter should be discussed further at the workshop on 13 July	All	
View in the draft handbook vs document from independent schools – committee to pursue this further.	All	
Census data to inform SACRE's discussion points in the Autumn term.	Clerk	