



MINUTES OF MEETING

SACRE MEETING

TUESDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2019

PRESENT: Councillors: E Galsworthy (Chair)
Rev. M Prevett (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: I Thomas

Professional Associations:
S Bernard Henderson and J Jones

Faith Communities:
D O'Keefe

Officers:
M Turford (Consultant for Merthyr SACRE)

K Reddy (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
904	Welcome and Apologies	Apologies for absence received from Councillors L Davies and D Hughes, and Lee-anne McCarthy, Mark Carrington, Andy Pitt, Ann Star and Sarah Bowen.
905	Declaration of Interest	No declarations of interest were made.
906	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	RESOLVED that: The minutes of the meeting held on 23 rd October 2018 were submitted and approved.
907	Matters Arising	Maggie Turford referred to the Humanist Representative on the Authority's SACRE Committee, and advised that it is the decision of each SACRE on the membership of its committee. She advised that she will defer this until the summer meeting where she will bring further details for consideration.

		<p>In relation to the Inspection Synopsis for the period September 2017 to June 2018, Maggie Turford advised that she will defer this to the Summer Term meeting.</p> <p>Maggie Turford referred to the Committee's previous discussion on whether SACRE's have a role under the Prevent duty, relating to the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015, and confirmed that it is a role for Local Authorities under their Community Safety Partnership.</p> <p>As requested, Maggie Turford updated members on the up to date position in relation to the Teachers Workshops and inputs from Schools.</p>
908	Membership List	Members were updated on the current membership of the Committee and agreed that this item would be scheduled to a future Committee when required.
909	Monitoring Standards 2018	<p>Maggie Turford and Heads of Departments took members through the analysis of test and examination results for 2018 in respect of key stages 3, 4 and 5 together with results for RE short course.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members note the contents. • A letter be sent to the WJEC on concerns expressed at the meeting in relation to this data.
910	Commission on RE-CoRE - Final Report Summary	<p>Maggie Turford referred to the Commission on Religious Education report attached to the agenda and advised members that this report re-affirms the central importance of learning about religious and non-religious worldviews for all pupils, regardless of their background, personal beliefs or the type of school they attend. She took members through the RE and worldviews summary and the national entitlement to the study of religion and worldviews.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Members note the contents of the report.</p>
911	Curriculum Development Update from WG (Consultation Paper)	<p>Maggie Turford referred to the curriculum consultation on Religious Education and took members through the summary of proposals.</p> <p>She advised that responses were required by the 25th March 2019.</p> <p>Members agreed that the questions would be considered and responded to at the meeting and that Maggie Turford would collate any responses in order that a response could be sent on behalf of the Committee by the deadline date.</p>

912	WASACRE Meetings:	<p><u>WASACRE Meeting - November 2018</u></p> <p>Minutes of the WASACRE meeting on the 20th November 2018 held at Llantwit Mayor Secondary School, Vale of Glamorgan were discussed and noted by members.</p> <p><u>Next WASACRE Meeting - Cardiff</u></p> <p>Discussion ensued in relation to the next WASACRE meeting in Cardiff on the 26th March 2019 and the Chair confirmed he will be attending.</p>
913	WASACRE Executive Nomination	<p>Following discussion it was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Mark Prevett, Vice Chair, be nominated by Merthyr SACRE for membership of the Executive Committee of WASACRE.</p> <p>Mark Prevett advised that although he was happy to be nominated he was also standing for Councillor at the Cyfarthfa Electoral Division By-Election at Merthyr on the 11th April 2019. He stressed that, if successful in this By-Election, he would have to consider withdrawing this nomination as he would be unable to commit the time and work to the Executive Committee.</p> <p>It was further RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Karen Reddy would put Mark Prevett's name forward for the Executive Committee but, if successful in the By-Election, she would liaise with Mark Prevett on withdrawing his nomination.</p>
914	Response to Estyn Thematic Review 2018 (for information)	<p>Maggie Turford referred to the Response to the Estyn Thematic Review 2018 and advised that this was for members' information.</p>
915	Development Plan 2018-2021	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>This item be deferred to the Summer meeting.</p>
916	Meeting Venues and Dates	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday, 4th June 2019 at 3.45 pm in the Civic Centre.</p>
917	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.</p>