

## **Merthyr County Borough Council 23 October 2018 meeting**

### **WASACRE-July 2018**

#### Summary of meeting held in Anglesey

Chairman of Anglesey CC welcomed all and thanked outgoing Challenge Adviser of Anglesey for her work. It was remarked that there were a number of changes to professional advisers across a number of SACREs.

EE took over chair and thanked DR for welcome.

It was requested that the issue of non-provision of professional advisers should be an agenda item. WASACRE has written to all LAs on this matter and some responses have been received.

EE led a period of quite reflection.

Minutes of March meeting accepted as true record.

Matters arising included:

Issue of Humanist representation on SACRES raised together with response form Minister-EE thanks her for this.

- Concerns raised by members including-lack of CPD for RE, current GCSE, lack of professional support for SACREs and inadequate funding for SACRES
- Suggestion that reinstatement of meeting with Minister would be useful-agreed to refer this to executive
- Lack of WJEC representation
- REQM, accreditation process-being reviewed currently. This was outlined in a presentation by LJ who was thanked for her input.

Review of RE at KS2 and 3-HMI presented findings including:

- Generally good standards
- Some repetition of work from primary to secondary resulting in under-achievement for some pupils
- Good knowledge of most pupils of variety of religions
- Good development of speaking and listening skills in RE lessons
- Generally good planning for RE
- Lack of CPD opportunities
- Some uncertainty of role of local SACRE
- Advice needed by schools on handling sensitive issues

New curriculum update

- September workshops
- RE will have equal weigh to other subject areas within Humanities AoLE

Updates

- Proposal of summer 2019 conference for teachers