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MERTHYR TUDFUL
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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

SACRE MEETING

THURSDAY, 25TH MARCH, 2021

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

Councillors: D Hughes and I Thomas

Professional Associations:
S Bernard Henderson and L McCarthy

Faith Communities:
D O'Keefe and A Star

Officers:
A Hill (Consultant for Merthyr SACRE)

K Reddy (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
516	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence received from Councillor Michelle Jones and Justine Jones. Apologies were also received Anthony Lewis of the Education Department.
517	Declaration of Interests	No declarations of interest were made.
518	Membership Updates	There were no amendments to report. Karen Reddy advised that there are currently several vacancies within the Teacher Associations membership and that she would speak to Anthony Lewis on whether he could make any enquiries within the Schools.

519	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th December 2020	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th December 2020 were submitted and approved as a correct record.</p>
520	Update on plans for examinations in 2021	<p>Angela Hill gave an update to members on the plans for examinations in 2021 in relation to how Schools are going to take this forward, how pupils will receive their provisional grades and the guidance and support available from the WJEC.</p>
521	WASACRE business	<p>Angela Hill advised that she attended the WASACRE Meeting on the 23rd March 2021 and gave an update to members on the business of the meeting in relation to the Qualifications Wales Consultation, relaunch of the new WASACRE Website and the RVE Framework.</p>
522	Updates on supporting RE and Collective Worship in the 'new normal'	<p>Angela Hill advised that, following December's meeting, a letter was sent out to all Schools reminding them that RE and Collective Worship are still statutory requirements and also provided them with a range of resources of trusted partners and providers across a whole scope of organisations.</p> <p>Members of SACRE's were also asked to suggest anyone who could speak from a faith/belief perspective and the suggestions received have been forwarded to Schools.</p> <p>Details ensued on how we can further support Schools and at what stage.</p>
523	Qualifications Wales Consultation / Qualified for the Future: The Right Choice for Wales	<p>Angela Hill referred to the Qualification Wales Consultation deadline which is the 9th April.</p> <p>Angela Hill advised that the consultation covers the whole curriculum and she stressed the importance of members of SACRE responding which will give them an opportunity to put their views forward.</p> <p>Detailed discussion ensued on the points to consider, outlined in the agenda, and how this Committee will respond and it was RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Angela Hill will collate a response on the comments made and will respond directly prior to the deadline. b. In addition, any member wishing to respond directly can do so in their own right.
524	Dates for future meetings	<p>Members confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, 1st July 2021 at 3.45 pm remotely via Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>An invitation will be sent by Karen Reddy via Microsoft Teams.</p>

Exempt

RESOLVED that:

The public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 15 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A Section 100 (4) (A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

525	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p><u>Confidential Item - Response to the Draft Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE) Guidance</u></p> <p>Angela Hill referred to the above guidance document, which was circulated separately to members prior to this meeting, and reminded members that the content of this document is confidential and should not be shared with anyone outside of the Committee.</p> <p>She advised that the deadline for any responses is the 9th April 2021.</p> <p>Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of this guidance and it was RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Members forward any comments directly to Welsh Government (Karen Reddy to provide members with the e-mail address for responses).b. Karen Reddy to provide members with a copy of the guidance outlining Angela Hill's comments.c. Members forward a copy of their responses to Angela Hill for information.
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