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#### STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Council Members:** 

To be appointed at the Annual Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Church of England:

Reverend M Camp, Mr Town and Reverend S Varney

Teachers:

Mr Green, Mrs Hawkes, Mrs James, Mr Stone and Ms Tranchina

Other Faiths:

Mr Gupta, Mr Hagley, Mr Mahmood, Mrs Michaelis, Mrs Polydorou, Mr Riat and Mr Sweet

A meeting of the **SACRE** will be held at Bromley Civic Centre on **THURSDAY 27 MAY 2010 AT 6.30 PM** 

MARK BOWEN
Director of Legal, Democratic and
Customer Services.

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Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 6.30pm

12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006, AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

The Chairman to move that the Press and public be excluded during consideration of the items of business listed below as it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the Press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

#### **Items of Business**

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### STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 February 2010

#### Present

Mr Martin Sweet (Chairman) Councillor Mrs Anne Manning (Vice-Chairman) Councillor Martin Curry, Mr Gupta, Mr Hagley, Mrs Hawkes, Ms James, Mr Mahmood, Mr Riat, Mr Town, Ms Tranchina and Reverend S Varney

#### **Also Present**

Dr George Searle, Ms Penny Smith- Orr, Rabbi Hammond and Cllr Bloom

#### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hillier, Mrs Michaelis, Rev Camp, Mr Green and Mr Stone.

The Chairman welcomed Rabbi Hammond, Mrs Tranchina and Ms James to the meeting.

#### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

#### 3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 October 2009

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the 21 October 2009 be confirmed

#### **Matters Arising:**

Item 5b) The RE Consultant reported that new guidelines had recently been published concerning the withdrawal of pupils from RE.

Item 7c) Cllr Manning reported that she had attended the Islamic competition event on 5 November which had been very interesting. Mrs Hawkes also reported on a positive visit by pupils.

#### 4 ORAL UPDATE and PUBLICATIONS

(a) SACRE Annual Report 2008/9

It was reported that the Annual Report had now been sent out to schools. The Chairman thanked the RE consultant for her hard work in producing the report.

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## b) Christmas Journey - St Mary's Church

The Chairman reported that the event had been very successful and that he would be sending a letter of thanks.

#### c) Government announcement on RE consultation

Members were requested to look at the National Curriculum website for information. Curriculum.qcda.gov.uk/new-primary-curriculum/areas-of-learning/religious-education/index.aspx and <a href="https://www.teacher.gov.uk/teaching">www.teacher.gov.uk/teaching</a> and learning/subjects/re/guidance

#### d) Bromley SACRE website/faith directory

Members discussed the possibility of holding a schools' competition to design a Bromley SACRE website. Members also felt it would be useful to know what involvement religious leaders have in the local community. The RE consultant will write to religious leaders.

#### 5. REPORT BY COLIN NEWMAN – HEAD OF COMMUNITY SAFETY

Cllr Bloom introduced the presentation by Colin Newman and explained the importance of faith groups, SACRE and schools in Bromley working together to prevent people becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism.

Following the presentation which focused counter terrorism, prevention and protection in Bromley, Colin Newman suggested that faithgroups play an important part in building community cohesion and could signpost vulnerable people and find intelligent gaps. It was intended that a plan would be set up in two Bromley schools with links with neighbouring boroughs.

Members discussed the possibility of launching a celebration of faith with support from the Council, of setting up a small sub group to look into disaffection of younger pupils and what could be achieved at the youth SACRE in March.

It was noted that there was no interfaith representative in Bromley and that the faith forum had not been well attended last year.

It was **RESOLVED** that the matter would be discussed at a future meeting.

# 6. SACRE MEMBERSHIP Report no. DCYP10022

The Chairman reported that a reply had been received from the British Humanist Association requesting Bromley SACRE accept their representative as a member. The Chairman informed members that it was within the constitution to co-opt members onto SACRE but that such members would not have voting rights. Members discussed the issue fully and put forward differing viewpoints. Mr Mahmood wished to make the point that he disagreed with the co-option of a Humanist member onto SACRE.

After discussion a majority decision was taken.

It was **RESOLVED** to invite the nominated Humanist representative to join Bromley SACRE as a co-opted member and in so doing to make it clear to the member and the BHA that the current locally recommended syllabus does not include secular world views within the religions and beliefs that are to be taught within Bromley schools.

(as expressed on page 11 of the Bromley Agreed Syllabus ).

# 7. SACRE ANNUAL EVENT 2009 -YOUTH SACRE Report no. DCYP10020

Members noted the report of the Bromley sixth form conference which had been prepared for the NASACRE/Westhill Trust. The RE Consultant reported that a meeting for interested students had been set up for March 4 and that representatives will be invited to attend the Summer meeting of SACRE.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

# 8. SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009-10 Report no. DCYP10021

Members considered the development plan which had been drawn up with due consideration to the statutory duties of SACRE, which were to:

- require the LEA to review the locally agreed syllabus at least every five years;
- produce an annual report, to be sent to the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA);
- advise on matters relating to teaching methods, the choice of teaching material and the provision of training for teachers in RE and collective worship (eg The RE Centre; in-service training).

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Consideration had also been given to the greater direct monitoring role of SACRE in the light of the changes to OfSTED inspection framework (eg analysis of examination results, school visits) and also to the new self-evaluation process that SACREs have been required to do by OfSTED/ DCfS.

All the work of SACRE was done with the aim of raising achievement in RE and improving the quality of teaching and learning. Similarly, it aimed to improve the provision and quality of Collective Worship and to help promote pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. As a body representing various religions in Bromley, it supported inter faith dialogue and learning about religions for the promotion of respect and racial harmony (eg. Islamic competition).

The Chairman suggested that SACRE consider how it might become more aware of the content of the current Bromley Agreed Syllabus in preparation for convening an Agreed Syllabus Conference to write a new syllabus. Penny and Martin will be attending a QCDA conference on 24 March 2010 when the programme will include an introduction to the new Primary Curriculum and how RE relates to this. In addition they will be informed as to how this will impact the design of the new Agreed Syllabus and will report back at the next meeting.

Some time will be spent at the next meeting looking at the current syllabus, which can be found at the following link:

http://www.lgfl.net/lgfl/leas/bromley/schools/ses/homepage/religious%2 0education/'

RESOLVED that the draft development plan be adopted.

#### 9. SCHOOL VISITS

#### Report no. DCYP10018

Two school visits were conducted a term. The visits were used to find out (i) how SACRE can be of help to Bromley schools; (ii) the impact of the Agreed Syllabus on RE; and (iii) what strengths and weaknesses for development in RE and Collective Worship had been identified at the school.

The RE consultant reported on the successful visits to Darrick Wood Junior School and Perry Hall Primary School.

The next visit will be to Bishop Justus School on 3 February.

RESOLVED that the reports of the school visits and the names of those who have volunteered to participate be noted.

#### 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman highlighted the following dates for members' attention: NASACRE training for members on February 10 and QCDA meeting on 24 March.

#### 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6.30pm on 27 May 2010

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION)ORDER 2006, AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000.

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the item of business listed below as it was likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

The following summary referred to a matter involving exempt information

# 13. COMMISSIONING OF SPECIALIST SUPPORT TO SACRE Report no. DCYP10019

Members were asked to consider a report around commissioning specialist support to SACRE.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to approve the proposals.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

Report No. DCYP10072

## **London Borough of Bromley**

Agenda Item No.

**PART 1 - PUBLIC** 

Decision Maker: Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Date: 27 May 2010

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

TITLE: BROMLEY SACRE ANNUAL EVENT 2010

Contact Officer: Penny Smith-Orr, RE Adviser

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Chief Officer: Gillian Pearson, Director of Children and Young People Services

Ward: N/A

#### 1. Reason for report

- 1.1 Bromley SACRE usually have an annual event to highlight the work of the committee.
- 1.2 It has been suggested that a lecture on the value of excellent RE should be organised to take place during Interfaith week, 21-27 November 2010.

### 2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 Members to consider this proposal or make further suggestions for an event.

Background Documents:	None
(Access via Contact Officer)	

Report No. DCYP10073

## **London Borough of Bromley**

Agenda Item No.

**PART 1 - PUBLIC** 

Decision Maker: Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Date: 27 May 2010

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

TITLE: BROMLEY YOUTH SACRE AND SACRE WEBSITE

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Chief Officer: Gillian Pearson, Director of Children and Young People Services

Ward: N/A

## 1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The Youth SACRE has been formed as a result of the 6th form conference which was the annual SACRE event in 2009.
- 1.2 The Youth SACRE has met twice (see attached notes).
- 1.3 The RE adviser has contacted officers of the council regarding SACRE having a space on the website.

# 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 Members to read the enclosed information from the Youth SACRE and endorse the work so far.

Background Documents:	None
(Access via Contact Officer)	

#### **BROMLEY YOUTH SACRE**

Notes of 2 March 2010 held at Coopers Technology School

Twelve students came from three schools, two teachers from Coopers and the RE adviser. Two schools sent messages that they were having exams and could not attend.

Discussion about why Bromley would have a Youth SACRE.

- To give a place and time for young people to think about moral and religious issues.
- To present young peoples perspectives on religious and spiritual issues.
- To provide an opportunity for young people to discuss religious and spiritual issues that matter to them.
- To help young people develop links with local faith communities and initiatives.
- To inform adult SACRE of young peoples views on moral, spiritual and faith issues.

Discussion on what would the students like to do. The idea of a web site was proposed and discussed enthusiastically. The students made lists of what they considered to make a good RE lesson the main ideas were:

- Films videos about previous issues which relate to RE debates to help understand the opinions of others and gain further information. Ghandi/Hotel Rwanda/Vera Drake/ A short stay in Switzerland
- Finding out about different belief systems and faith practices
- Peer learning from other students describing their faith
- Stories relating to past/present religious events and issues with links such as the Pope
- Own personal views of the teacher.
- LGBTQ and faith
- Surveys about like/dislikes of lessons
- Monthly quizzes
- Discussions on TV soaps and the issues involved
- Current affair discussions and integrating these into the actual exam board syllabus
- Going on visits
- Creative activities including music/art/drama into lessons. Physical activities for kinaesthetic learners
- Having speakers in to the class
- Active and interactive lessons

The students had lots of ideas for a website and suggested that they would bring ideas for resources to the next meeting collected from teachers and students. They would also think about other things that a webs site should have incorporated into it, for instance message board for teachers and for students and information on exams, and links to other sites.

It will also be the obvious place for the faith directory information with speakers and places to visit. A glossary or word bank was also suggested.

It was decided to bring these to a meeting on 27 April and then after exams in the summer term they would meet again during the day to try and put the website together. One student, doing media, was going to ask her tutor about making a film.

The next main SACRE meeting is on 27 May which falls in the exam period but it is hoped that at least one student could come to report at the meeting.

Thanks were given to Mrs. Hawkes for the refreshments.

The meeting closed at 5.15pm.

#### **BROMLEY YOUTH SACRE MEETING**

Notes of meeting on 27 April 2010 at Coopers Technology School.

Twelve pupils from Coopers and Hayes Schools came to the meeting, also present were Ms Richards from Hayes, Mrs Hawkes and Ms Woods from Coopers and Penny Smith-Orr, RE adviser.

Thanks to Coopers for the venue and Ms Woods for the refreshments.

Notes from the first meeting were discussed, no one was able to tell us what LGBTQ referred to. Apart from that they were agreed. (Subsequently one of the students has informed us that LGBTQ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer Association).

It was noted that all the suggestions in the notes involved active learning. Unfortunately, due to exam revision, the pupils had not been able to bring any actual links to resources to this meeting but there was a lot of further discussion on the type of items that would be good on the new website including a list of film clips; sequences from, The Simpsons (when Bart sells his soul) The Matrix, My name is Earl, 66 Jewish Bar mitzvah, Heroes, The end sequence of Fantasia, Eastenders.

Pupils were requested to find these links.

Also suggested was a 'Question of the week'.

It was agreed that there should be space for the RE teachers and also for the Students. The idea of teachers using the website to set home work was also put forward.

There was a discussion as to how we could recruit more students from Y12 in September so that we have a continuous membership. The pupils from Hayes were in Y13 so agreed to go back and talk to students who might be available next year. The Y12 students from Coopers also agreed to talk to others. The idea of making a short recruitment film that could be shown to pupils came up.

Another idea was to go to places of worship in Bromley and make a short film for the website to encourage schools to go on visits to places of worship. It was decided to start with the Synagogue.

• The RE adviser to try to organise a visit on a Thursday afternoon later this term.

It was decided that we would try to meet again after the exams at 2pm in order to use the computer suite at Coopers to make a start on the website and upload some of the links.

The possible date for this meeting will be 16 June, this to be confirmed by Mrs Hawkes.

The meeting closed at 5.05pm.

Report No. DCYP10074

## **London Borough of Bromley**

Agenda 7

#### **PART 1 - PUBLIC**

Decision Maker: Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Date: 27 May 2010

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

TITLE: BROMLEY SACRE AGREED SYLLABUS

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Chief Officer: Gillian Pearson, Director of Children and Young People Services

Ward: N/A

### 1. Reason for report

- 1.1 At the meeting in February it was decided that some time would be spent at the May meeting looking at the Bromley Agreed syllabus in accordance with the development plan.
- 1.2 The item on the development plan reads: 'Members to make themselves aware of the Bromley agreed syllabus. Members to look at suggested scheme of work for Bromley schools and discuss. The projected outcome would be: 'Better understanding of the agreed syllabus. Knowledge enhanced ready for new syllabus to be written'. Members have been sent the link to the current syllabus in order to prepare for the discussion. http://www.lgfl.net/lgfl/leas/bromley/schools/ses/homepage/religious%20education/'
- 1.3 The Chair and RE Adviser will provide a verbal report on syllabus information given at the QCDA conference held in March.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 Members to come prepared to discuss the current syllabus.
- 2.2 Teachers to be prepared to discuss their experiences of teaching the syllabus.
- 2.3 Faith representatives to be prepared to discuss the way their faith is represented including any concerns or missing concepts.

Background Documents:	None
(Access via Contact Officer)	

Report No. DCYP10075

## **London Borough of Bromley**

Agenda Item No.

**PART 1 - PUBLIC** 

Decision Maker: Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Date: 27 May 2010

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

TITLE: BROMLEY SACRE SELF EVALUATION

Contact Officer: Penny Smith-Orr, RE Adviser

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Chief Officer: Gillian Pearson, Director of Children and Young People Services

Ward: N/A

#### 1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The recommendation is that SACREs look at the self evaluation document annually. This is usually done during our Summer term meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair has requested that the RE adviser look at the progress we have made towards being an advanced SACRE and present some ideas of future development.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 Members to read the previous documentation received on self evaluation. Any ideas for future development by members will be discussed at the meeting.

Background Documents:	None
(Access via Contact Officer)	

Report No. DCYP10076

**London Borough of Bromley** 

Agenda Item No.

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**PART 1 - PUBLIC** 

Decision Maker: Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Date: 27 May 2010

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

TITLE: SACRE VISITS TO SCHOOLS

Contact Officer: Penny Smith-Orr, RE Adviser

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Chief Officer: Gillian Pearson, Director of Children and Young People Services

Ward: N/A

## 1. Reason for report

1.1 Members of Bromley SACRE visited two schools during the spring term 2010. Reports of the visits are attached.

# 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 Members to read the reports and comment as appropriate.

Background Documents:	None
(Access via Contact Officer)	

### SACRE visit to St Paul's Cray Primary School 10 March 2010

The visit was undertaken by Penny Smith-Orr, the RE consultant and Councillor Anne manning. This is a lovely school with quite extensive grounds and is a voluntary controlled Church of England primary. We were warmly welcomed by the head teacher Mrs. McAllister and Mrs Tranchina, who is the RE coordinator and a member of Bromley SACRE on the teachers group.

We discussed the school intake and the current projects being undertaken, including the start of a gardening area for the children. The collective worship was being led by a visitor from the Spinnaker Trust, Mrs Hollands, and was on the subject of Fault, which is sometimes ours, leading up to Easter. There was a little worship table in place during the collective worship and the children said the school prayer. The displays in the hall were excellent and covered the Jewish, Hindu and Christian faith. Also seen in the hall and in every classroom is the school motto which is 'we work in God's love'.

The main lesson that we observed was a Year 2 lesson from a series on stories with the overall objective of developing the pupils' knowledge of religions and cultures. The session we saw was based on the story of the crying camel from the Muslim faith. The pupils had also had stories from the Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist traditions.

The teacher told the story using the whiteboard and gave the children a brief overview of Islam, the figures of authority and the main beliefs. The children clearly enjoyed the story and enthusiastically talked in pairs and groups answering the teacher's questions. The plans showed the children were to try and decide what the story teaches and an extension of this was a are animals as important as humans.

We also saw the beginning of a lesson on Judaism taught by Mrs Tranchina, on the symbolic meaning of the seder leading to a discussion based on the concept of things we value. The children looked at the seder plate and discussed the symbolic meaning of each item on the plate. They were then asked to discuss what they would take with them if they had to leave home in a hurry leading to a reflection on values.

We had a tour of the school and were impressed with the facilities and the behaviour of the children we met. We also had a quick look at the nursery which had very exciting and vibrant displays.

Although we had to leave at 11am, due to other engagements, we felt we had had a very good taste of the school and its caring ethos. We are grateful to Mrs McAllister for the time she spent with us and Mrs Tranchina for organising the visit.

# Visit to Bishop Justus CE School 3 February 2010

The visit to Bishop Justus School was by invitation from the Faculty Leader for Communications, Mr Steve Gallears. Mr Gallears has attended the secondary RE teacher meetings and also brought some students to the SACRE 6<sup>th</sup> form conference in October 2009. The members of SACRE who went were the chair, Mr Martin Sweet and Mrs Penny Smith-Orr, the RE consultant

On arrival we met the head teacher Mrs Griffiths and Mr Gallears and had a short talk about the context of the school and our visit. The school is a voluntary aided school and therefore follows the Diocesan syllabus, rather than the Bromley syllabus. However many of the themes are the same as those in the Bromley syllabus. Not all of the students come from a Christian background but all understand that the ethos of the school is based on a Christian model. As this is a relatively new school, there had not been a Key Stage 5 until the first set of Year 12s had started in the autumn of 2009.

We went to observe a collective worship in a tutor group setting with Miss Bulmires group. The same theme is repeated throughout the tutor groups on a weekly basis. The group were respectful and all took part in the short activity, followed by a short reflection and prayer. The students then went to their different lessons.

All the RE classes are in one area of the school with interesting displays relating to RE along the corridor. We observed Mrs. Young teaching a Year 10 RE advanced learning group, this was very interesting starting with a 'think out of the box' activity where the students had to try and work out what a hidden item was. They were unsuccessful but would have another opportunity at a later date so we didn't find out either. Following on from this they sat in a circle and gave their opinions on a number of sentences on the theme of money, why do some people have too much and some too little. The method of giving their opinion was to stand up and change places according to their feelings on the sentence. This was very effective as they were able to give their honest opinion and not allowed to chastise each other if they disagreed. This was the final lesson in their unit and was a good revision session.

Two younger pupils took us on a tour of the school and were happy to answer questions and give their, glowing, opinions of the school. We also saw the area that is being turned into a chapel for the students to use in future and the very attractive sixth form area.

Finally we had a meeting with Mr Gallears and Mr Lee Kings, who is head of RE, on the syllabus they use and the excellent exam results they achieve. We left after thanking Mr Gallears for inviting us and arranging the visit.

This was a very useful visit and the members who attended would like to thank Pamela for her welcome and the discussions we had.

We would like to extend an invitation to Pamela to come as an observer to a future SACRE meeting Civic Centre where SACRE will discuss this report.

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