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To:

Councillors: Chris Bithell, Adele Davies-Cooke,
Colin Legg, Dave Mackie and Nigel Steele-
Mortimer

CS/NG

8 February 2017

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS:

**Mrs. D. Jones, Mr. Gareth Wyn Jones,
Ms. S. Jones, Mrs. D. McIntyre,
Rev H. Powell-Davies and Ms. Rita Price**

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TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS:

**Mrs. L. Harkin, Mr. I. Hussain and
Mr. R. Keating**

Mr. Philip Lord (Challenge Advisor)

Dear Sir / Madam

A meeting of the **FLINTSHIRE SACRE** will be held in the **CLWYD COMMITTEE ROOM, COUNTY HALL, MOLD CH7 6NA** on **WEDNESDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 2017** at **2.00 PM** to consider the following items.

Yours sincerely

Robert Robins
Democratic Services Manager

AGENDA

- 1 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**
To appoint a Chair for this academic year.
- 2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**
To appoint a Vice-Chair for this academic year.

3 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT**

Members are reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of their declared personal interests.

5 **MINUTES** (Pages 3 - 6)

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting.

6 **ANALYSIS OF INSPECTION REPORTS** (Pages 7 - 8)

To receive the analysis of recent Estyn Inspection Reports

7 **EXAMINATION RESULTS 2016** (Pages 9 - 18)

To consider a report analysing the examination results for 2016.

8 **STATUS OF AN AGREED SYLLABUS**

To discuss the advice schools should receive regarding the status of an agreed syllabus in light of the new Welsh Baccalaureate and the changes to the curriculum for Wales.

9 **UPDATE ON SACRE AND SCHOOL TO SCHOOL COLLABORATION**

Promote teacher representation through school to school collaboration.

10 **WASACRE** (Pages 19 - 26)

- i. To receive the minutes of the last meeting of the Association
- ii. To agree attendance to the next WASACRE Usk, Monmouthshire, 3rd March 2017

11 **DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 2pm on Wednesday, 5th July 2017.

FLINTSHIRE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
5 OCTOBER 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Flintshire Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education held at Ysgol Maes y Felin/Ysgol Treffynnon, Holywell on Wednesday 5 October 2016

PRESENT:

Councillors: Chris Bithell, Dave Mackie, Jim Falshaw and Nigel Steele-Mortimer

Religious Denominations: Dora Jones, Delyth McIntyre, Rev. Huw Powell Davies and Gail Woodward

Teacher Associations: Gail Woodward (John Summers High School) and Ibad Hussain

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Colin Legg
Gareth Wyn Jones

IN ATTENDANCE:

Challenge Advisor, Meeting Clerk and GwE Pioneer Team

PL welcomed all those in attendance as the Chair was not in attendance. He asked that one of the Members chaired the meeting, and a motion for this to be Cllr Steele-Mortimer was passed.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Ron Keating had usually carried on the Chair into any new term but was not present at the meeting. Unfortunately it would now be 2021 by the time the new curriculum is fully implemented so it wouldn't be necessary for Ron to continue as Chair. Therefore a new Chair would need to be appointed.

RESOLVED:

That, a new Chair to be appointed at the February meeting?

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Rita Price was currently the Vice Chair but had not attended a meeting in the last year. Delyth McIntyre was happy to put herself forward but requested that Phil Lord liaise with Rita first.

RESOLVED:

That, Phil Lord to approach Rita Price for the consideration of a new Vice Chair.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - See above.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT**

Phil Lord declared he was a Challenge Advisor to some of the schools being discussed in the agenda.

The group broke for a tour of the new school.

5. **ITEM 9 BROUGHT FORWARD – PIONEER SCHOOLS AND THE NEW CURRICULUM**

The GwE Pioneer Team gave an update on the project. Andrea Taylor from the team explained that in response to the Successful Futures document that came out of the Donaldson Review pilot schools had been selected around the three areas of Digital Pioneers, Curriculum Pioneers and Pedagogy Pioneers. A group of 14 schools across the GwE consortium were chosen for this.

These schools are tasked with looking at principles of design around a new Curriculum. The new curriculum will be based around six areas of learning and was still very much in the research process.

Cllr Steele-Mortimer asked where RE would sit in the new areas of the curriculum. Phil Lord confirmed it would be under Humanities.

Pioneer groups need more schools involved and members were requested to let Phil Lord know of any that may be interested in getting involved. He also reported that only the Pioneer schools were being communicated with on this presently. However, Newsletters can be found on the GwE website: <http://www.gwegogledd.cymru/>. The Dysg Newsletter was also a useful source of information for School Governors in this area.

RESOLVED:

That, Phil Lord will keep the group updated on the progress of the project, and obtain the Dysg Newsletter link form the Pioneer Team.

6. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2016 were submitted.

Matters Arising

Minute number 2 – Data

Phil Lord confirmed that the data would be available through GwE in the near future.

RESOLVED:

That, the minutes be approved as a correct record.

7. SACRE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

Phil Lord asked that the group go through the report for accuracy. It was noted that page 15 alluded to an old list of the SACRE composition and would need updating. The updates were as follows:

- Dawn Westaway – retired
- Yvonne Barker – resigned
- Jim Falshaw replaced by Adele Davies-Cooke
- Hilary Isherwood – check if to continue
- Lyn Oakes – Secondary Classteacher
- Welsh School rep required

Cllr Bithell asked about the complaints on page 14, and what they would generally be about. Phil Lord advised these could be around withdrawal from RE in your own tradition.

RESOLVED:

That, Phil Lord to chase an updated SACRE composition list and the report be noted.

8. ANALYSIS OF INSPECTION REPORTS

Phil Lord highlighted that the attached analysis report covered eight recently inspected schools. There was little to glean on RE but 50% of schools received comments on Partnership working.

RESOLVED:

That, the report be noted.

9. LEAD PRACTITIONER – SUPPORTING THE NEW GCSE SPECIFICATIONS

Phil Lord presented a paper on the above. Welsh Government had provided funding to GwE for 2016-17 to support schools for the delivery of the revised GCSE specifications. Many revised GCSE qualifications would be introduced for first teaching in September 2016 and September 2017. Wales will be retaining the grades system but England have introduced a number system. The table on Page 2 of the report shows which Curriculum needs to be followed for each year group.

In terms of exams the WJEC have monopolised this area in Wales. WG has a quango set up to monitor this.

For each subject, GwE has appointed 3 'Lead Practitioners' – one for each Hub, these are serving teachers who will help schools through this difficult time.

Phil Lord reported that at a recent GCSE Group meeting Lynda Maddocks highlighted some problems in getting the new curriculum through EDUCAS as there were issues around giving out draft specifications that may be subject to

change. A conference will be held in the Spring and the draft specification should become official.

RESOLVED:

That, the report be noted, and a presentation arranged for this group at the end of the process.

10. SACRE AND SCHOOL TO SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Phil Lord reported that the Summer meeting around this had been very positive with good representation and support. The group will split into two with one looking at Curriculum, developing resources/sharing good practices etc. One of the groups will also be developing a 'good practice' pack for RE. Alex Clewitt has developed a site for sharing information on RE on the Hwb site.

Councillors raised concerns as to how long Phil Lord's role in this area could continue, given the other work pressures he now had under GwE. Cllr Bithell also reiterated the importance of school to school collaboration particularly in the area of RE where there were perhaps less specialists. PL reported that recent evaluation forms were very positive in this area.

RESOLVED:

That, Phil Lord compiles a summary of recent evaluation forms for the next meeting.

11. WASACRE

Phil Lord reported that the minutes were only ratified last Thursday and were now in translation, so he proposed they were discussed at the next meeting. He would be attending the WASACRE meeting in Camarthenshire and there was also space for 2 more attendees. Although it was noted that the Summer meeting was to be held in Wrexham which may be easier for representatives to attend.

RESOLVED:

That, PL to check if Ron Keating was attending the next WASACRE meeting.

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15 February at 2 pm, County Hall, Mold.

(The meeting started at 2pm and ended at 3.30pm)

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Chairman

Analysis of Inspection Reports Flintshire SACRE

Spring 2017

(Reports published in the Autumn term)

1 school

School	Dates	Reporting Inspector
Ysgol Y Waun, Mold	Sept 2016	Fiona Arnison

POSITIVE COMMENTS

Key Question 1: How good are outcomes?

- In the Foundation Phase, most pupils write neatly. By the end of Year 2, many pupils write at length using correctly punctuated sentences, accurate spelling and mature vocabulary, for example “When the swallow heard a heavy key in a lock, he flew fast and low out of the church door”.

Key Question 2: How good is provision?

Learning experiences:

- Planning meets the requirements of the National Curriculum, the principles of the Foundation Phase and the locally agreed syllabus for religious education fully.
- The school has ensured appropriate opportunities to develop pupils’ understanding of sustainable development and global citizenship successfully across the curriculum.

Care, support and guidance:

- The school promotes pupils’ social, moral, spiritual and cultural development effectively. Collective worship sessions foster values based on honesty, kindness and respect for others.

Learning Environment:

- The school is a happy and caring community. It has an inclusive and supportive ethos in which pupils and staff feel valued. All pupils have equal access to the curriculum and a wide range of extra-curricular activities. The school promotes positive attitudes to equality and diversity through classroom practice, curricular themes and links with the local community. Pupils learn to show care and consideration for others and the environment.

Key Question 3: How good are leadership and management?

Partnership Working:

- Strong links with the community, for example with local churches and a supermarket, enrich pupils’ learning experiences well.

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Summary of Examination Results – 2016 For Flintshire SACRE

GCSE Results: Religious Studies: Full Course

All candidates:

School	2015 entry	2016 entry	2015 A*-C %	2016 A*-C %	Difference %	+/- Nat 2012
Elfed	-	29	-	41.4%	-	-
Connah's Quay	53	46	62.3%	47.8%	-14.5%	-24.2%
Flint	99	43	34.2%	81.4%	47.2%	9.4%
St R. Gwyn	156	144	52.6%	77.1%	24.5%	5.1%
Hawarden	-	42	-	100%	-	28%
Holywell	-	-	-	-	-	-
Castell Alun	82	91	91.4%	86.8%	-4.6%	14.8%
Alun, Mold	25	23	96%	73.9%	-22.1%	1.9%
Argoed	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maes Garmon	45	41	55.6%	48.8%	-6.8%	-23.2%
John Summers	20	22	75%	45.5%	-29.5%	-26.5%
St David's	-	-	-	-	-	-
LEA	481	482	53.2%	73.7%	20.5%	1.7%
All Wales	11,167	11,051	75%	72%		

GCSE Religious Studies: Short Course

All candidates:

School	2015 entry	2016 entry	2015 A*-C %	2016 A*-C %	Difference %	+/- Nat 2012
Elfed	82	67	45.7%	50.7%	5%	5.3%
CQHS	-	75	-	26.7%	-	-18.7%
Flint	57	49	78.9%	26.8%	-52.1%	-18.6%
St R. Gwyn	2	13	50%	61.5%	11.5%	16.1%
Hawarden	179	152	57%	36.2%	-20.8%	-9.2%
Holywell	-	-	-	-	-	-
Castell Alun	120	118	71.7%	62.7%	-9%	17.3%
Alun, Mold	234	209	64.5%	60.8%	-3.7%	15.4%
Argoed	109	114	64.2%	68.4%	4.2%	23%
Maes Garmon	47	31	10.6%	9.7%	-0.9%	-35.7%
JSHS	45	10	31.1%	0%	-31.1%	-45.4%
St David's	80	72	46.3%	41.7%	-4.6%	-3.7%
LEA	875	910	58.3	48.7%	-9.6%	3.3%
All Wales	10,098	11,666	52	45.4%		

GCE Religious Studies - Advanced Level

All candidates:

School	2015 entry	2016 entry	2015 A*-C %	2016 A*-C %	Difference %	+/- Nat 2012
Castell Alun	25	26	88%	96.2%	8.2%	17.3%
Alun, Mold	15	11	87%	90.9%	3.9%	12%
Maes Garmon	2	-	100%	-	-	-
St David's	1	-	100%	-	-	-
Deeside Consortium	-	1	-	100%	-	21.1%
LEA	43	38	88%	94.7%	6.7%	15.8%
All Wales	1,444	1,446	81%	78.9%		

Full Course A* - C	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
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Elfed	72.7	33.3	66.7	100	-	90.9	-	-	-	39.3	-	41.4
Connah's Quay	84.2	-	20.0	100	81.5	85.7	91.1	84.7	53.3	93.1	62.3	47.8
Flint	23.1	63.2	-	100	90.5	59.6	100	76.9	-	44.9	34.2	81.4
St R. Gwyn	39.6	61.8	58.1%	68.2	75.9	69.4	51.4	32.0	62.5	-	-	77.1
Hawarden	27.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Holywell	44.4	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79.6	-	-
Castell Alun	84.6	78.2	100	94.4	100	91.9	93.7	95.7	90.6	92.3	91.4	86.8
Alun, Mold	78.7	86.7	-	86.1	86.4	83.3	86.6	100	93.5	-	96	73.9
Argoed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44.1	-	-
Maes Garmon	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	90.0	68.2	40.7	55.6	48.8
John Summers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.5	75.0	-	75	45.5
St David's	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nat. Average	70.2	73.7	71.1 /70.4	72.0	71.9	74.3	72.9	73.6	73.9	72	75	72

Short course A*-C	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Elfed	-	62.0	48.0	41.3	47.7	52.0	-	74.0	55.7	60.8	45.7	50.7
CQHS	80.5	75.0	48.05	68.3	48.9	62.6	49.5	33.3	2.7	19.0	-	26.7
Flint	-	57.9	74.5	66.4	46.3	39.1	100	74.2	70.3	26.1	78.9	26.8
St R. Gwyn	0.0	22.7	0.0	2.8	23.1	4.7	46.4	22.5	63.6	-	74.8	61.5
Hawarden	-	-	-	-	64.6	70.0	60.5	63.0	57.9	60.8	54.4	36.2
Holywell	-	-	-	-	-	23.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Castell Alun	80.5	59.5	76.9	84.0	86.9	62.2	81.7	46.1	52.6	33.6	71.7	62.7
Alun, Mold	69.9	72.0	68.7	82.3	69.7	75.3	61.5	66.0	78.3	63.2	64.5	60.8
Argoed	79.0	73.0	69.5	87.6	84.3	63.6	58.8	71.5	71.4	73.8	64.2	68.4
Maes Garmon	93.2	74.6	88.1	41.6	49.3	54.5	52.8	49.0	35.7	5.6	10.6	9.7
JSHS	44.4	66.1	48.8	13.0	15.1	25.6	37.7	-	9.1	19.5	31.1	0
St David's	55.2	76.4	89.2	77.2	79.2	63.4	65.9	87.4	73.3	55.4	46.3	41.7
Nat. Average	58.7	59.7	58.8 /60.4	59.7	59.2	59.7	58.0	59.3	51.9	53	52	45.4

A-Level A* - C	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Elfed	-	-	-	-	-	33.3	-	57.1	-	-	-	
CQHS	-	25.0	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Flint	-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	100	-	
St R. Gwyn	72.7	80.0	100	0.0	66.7	40.0	28.4	81.8	85.7	-	-	
Hawarden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Holywell	0.0	50.0	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Castell Alun	75.0	50.0	85.7	52.9	100	75.0	75.0	92.0	96.4	93.1	88	96.2
Alun, Mold	60.0	57.1	73.1	60.0	86.7	72.4	81.8	91.0	100	100	87	90.9
Argoed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Maes Garmon	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.0	--	0.0	50	100	
JSHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	
St David's	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	
Deeside Consortium												100
Nat. Average	65.4	65.5	75.9	75.7	79.7	78.5	98.0	80.4	93.9	89	81	78.9

TABLES OF EXAMINATION RESULTS TABLAU O GANLYNIADAU ARHOLIAD

Flintshire Schools – Table 1
Ysgolion Sir y Fflint – TABL 1

GCSE RESULTS 2016: ALL – RELIGIOUS STUDIES
CANLYNIADAU TAGAU 2016: PAWB – ASTUDIAETHAU CREFYDDOL

GCSE Full Course		Analysis By Grade																								Pass Percentages						
All / LA	Rhif yr Ysgol / School I	Enw'r Ysgol / School Name	A*		A		B		C		D		E		F		G		U		X		Total Entries		A*-A		A*-C		A*-G			
			No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
664	Flintshire		51	10.6	88	18.3	119	24.7	97	20.1	46	9.5	37	7.7	30	6.2	10	2.1	4	0.8	0	0.0	482	100.0	139	28.8	355	73.7	478	99.2		
664	6641102	Flintshire Portfolio PRUs	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
664	6644000	Hawarden High School	5	11.9	12	28.6	20	47.6	5	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	42	100.0	17	40.5	42	100.0	42	100.0		
664	6644006	Alun School	14	60.9	3	13.0	5	21.7	1	4.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	23	100.0	17	73.9	23	100.0	23	100.0		
664	6644011	Elfed High School	0	0.0	3	10.3	3	10.3	6	20.7	6	20.7	4	13.8	3	10.3	1	3.4	3	10.3	0	0.0	29	100.0	3	10.3	12	41.4	26	89.7		
664	6644012	Holywell High School	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
664	6644013	St. David's High School	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
664	6644017	Castell Alun High School	20	22.0	31	34.1	18	19.8	10	11.0	7	7.7	2	2.2	2	2.2	1	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	91	100.0	51	56.0	79	86.8	91	100.0		
664	6644018	Maes Garmon	0	0.0	1	2.4	8	19.5	11	26.8	12	29.3	4	9.8	2	4.9	2	4.9	1	2.4	0	0.0	41	100.0	1	2.4	20	48.8	40	97.6		
664	6644019	John Summers High School	0	0.0	3	13.6	3	13.6	4	18.2	4	18.2	4	18.2	3	13.6	1	4.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	22	100.0	3	13.6	10	45.5	22	100.0		
664	6644021	Flint High School	5	11.6	4	9.3	15	34.9	11	25.6	2	4.7	5	11.6	1	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	43	100.0	9	20.9	35	81.4	43	100.0		
664	6644022	Connah's Quay High School	0	0.0	6	13.0	7	15.2	9	19.6	8	17.4	5	10.9	7	15.2	4	8.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	46	100.0	6	13.0	22	47.8	46	100.0		
664	6644042	Argoed School	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
664	6644600	St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School	7	4.9	25	17.4	39	27.1	40	27.8	7	4.9	13	9.0	12	8.3	1	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	144	100.0	32	22.2	111	77.1	144	100.0		
664	6647021	Ysgol Maes Hyfryd	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	1	100.0		
664	6644999	Deeside Consortium	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		

All Pupils	11,051	9.4	18.4	23.8	20.4	9.3	7.7	5.4	3.3
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33.8	78.7	98.8
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Flintshire Schools – Table 2
Ysgolion Sir y Fflint – TABL 2

GCSE RESULTS 2015: ALL – RELIGIOUS STUDIES
CANLYNIADAU TAGAU 2015: PAWB – ASTUDIAETHAU CREFYDDOL

Schools / Ysgolion	Total Cyfanswm	A*	%	A	%	B	%	C	%	D	%	E	%	F	%	G	%	U	%	% A* C	% A* G
Elfed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maes Hyfryd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Connah's Quay/Cei Conna	53	1	1.9	6	11.3	15	28.3	11	20.8	10	18.9	7	13.2	0	0	2	3.8	1	1.9	62.3	98.1
Flint/Fflint	99	1	1	6	6.1	8	8.1	19	19.2	17	17.2	19	19.2	21	21.2	6	6.1	2	2	34.2	98
St.Richard Gwyn	156	3	1.9	5	3.2	28	17.9	46	29.5	33	21.2	17	10.9	13	8.3	7	4.5	4	2.6	52.6	97.4
Hawarden/ Penarlag	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holywell/ Treffynnon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Castell Alun	82	24	29.3	23	28	23	28	5	6.1	5	6.1	2	2.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	91.4	100
Alun, Mold	25	3	12	7	28	10	40	4	16	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	100
Argoed																					
Maes Garmon	45	0	0	4	8.9	6	13.3	15	33.3	9	20	5	11.1	2	4.4	1	2.2	3	6.7	55.6	93.3
John Summers	20	1	5	2	10	1	5	11	55	4	20	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	100
St.David's /Dewi Sant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LA Totals Cyfanswm AALI	481	33	6.9%	53	11.0%	91	18.9%	112	23.3%	79	16.4%	51	10.6%	36	7.5%	16	3.3%	10	2.1%	53.2	97.9
All Wales Holl Cymru	11,167		11		19		24		20		9		7		4		3		2	75	98

Flintshire Schools Table 3: GCSE 2016: ALL – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SHORT COURSE
Ysgolion Sir y Fflint – TABL 3 CANLYDIADAU TGAU 2016 PAWB – ASTUDIAETHAU GREFYDDOL: CWRS BYR

		664	Flintshire	47	5.2	75	8.2	123	13.5	198	21.8	116	12.7	124	13.6	93	10.2	81	8.9	49	5.4	4	0.4	910	100.0	122	13.4	443	48.7	857	94.2	
		All Pupils		11,666		3.6		7.8		13.6		20.4		12.6		11.1		8.9								11.4		45.4		90.6		
		GCSE Short Course		Analysis By Grade																								Pass Percentages				
				A*		A		B		C		D		E		F		G		U		X		Total Entries		A*-A		A*-C		A*-G		
ALI / LA	Rhif yr Ysgol / School I	Enw'r Ysgol / School Name	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
664	6641102	Flintshire Portfolio PRUs	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	33.3	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	33.3	0	0.0	6	100.0	0	0.0	3	50.0	4	66.7		
664	6644000	Hawarden High School	0	0.0	3	2.0	4	2.6	48	31.6	26	17.1	29	19.1	17	11.2	12	7.9	13	8.6	0	0.0	152	100.0	3	2.0	55	36.2	139	91.4		
664	6644006	Alun School	33	15.8	25	12.0	33	15.8	36	17.2	14	6.7	19	9.1	15	7.2	19	9.1	15	7.2	0	0.0	209	100.0	58	27.8	127	60.8	194	92.8		
664	6644011	Elfed High School	2	3.0	5	7.5	12	17.9	15	22.4	11	16.4	12	17.9	4	6.0	4	6.0	2	3.0	0	0.0	67	100.0	7	10.4	34	50.7	65	97.0		
664	6644012	Holywell High School	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0		0		0	
664	6644013	St. David's High School	2	2.8	3	4.2	11	15.3	14	19.4	9	12.5	12	16.7	9	12.5	8	11.1	3	4.2	1	1.4	72	100.0	5	6.9	30	41.7	68	94.4		
664	6644017	Castell Alun High School	6	5.1	15	12.7	24	20.3	29	24.6	19	16.1	14	11.9	4	3.4	6	5.1	1	0.8	0	0.0	118	100.0	21	17.8	74	62.7	117	99.2		
664	6644018	Maes Garmon	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	9.7	2	6.5	4	12.9	11	35.5	8	25.8	3	9.7	0	0.0	31	100.0	0	0.0	3	9.7	28	90.3		
664	6644019	John Summers High School	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	20.0	2	20.0	2	20.0	2	20.0	2	20.0	0	0.0	10	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	80.0		
664	6644021	Flint High School	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	6.1	11	22.4	3	6.1	4	8.2	12	24.5	9	18.4	6	12.2	1	2.0	49	100.0	0	0.0	14	28.6	42	85.7		
664	6644022	Connah's Quay High School	0	0.0	6	8.0	5	6.7	9	12.0	13	17.3	20	26.7	12	16.0	7	9.3	2	2.7	1	1.3	75	100.0	6	8.0	20	26.7	72	96.0		
664	6644042	Argoed School	4	3.5	18	15.8	30	26.3	26	22.8	16	14.0	8	7.0	7	6.1	2	1.8	2	1.8	1	0.9	114	100.0	22	19.3	78	68.4	111	97.4		
664	6644600	St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	7.7	7	53.8	1	7.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	30.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	100.0	0	0.0	8	61.5	13	100.0		
664	6647021	Ysgol Maes Hyfryd	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0		0		0	
664	6644999	Deeside Consortium	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0		0		0	

Flintshire Schools Table 4: GCSE 2015: ALL – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SHORT COURSE
Ysgolion Sir y Fflint – TABL 4 CANLYDIADAU TGAU 2015 PAWB – ASTUDIAETHAU GREFYDDOL: CWRS BYR

Schools <i>Ysgolion</i>	Total Cyfanswm	A*	%	A	%	B	%	C	%	D	%	E	%	F	%	G	%	U	%	% A*-C	% A-G
Elfed	82	4	4.9	6	7.3	13	15.9	14	17.1	17	20.7	18	22	6	7.3	3	3.7	1	1.2	45.7	98.8
Connah's Quay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flint	57	4	7	8	14	18	31.6	15	26.3	5	8.8	3	5.3	2	3.5	1	1.8	1	1.8	78.9	98.2
St.Richard Gwyn	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	50	-	-	-	-	1	50	50	50
Hawarden	179	12	6.7	11	6.1	27	15.1	52	29.1	24	13.4	23	12.8	15	8.4	10	5.6	3	1.7	57	97.2
Holywell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Castell Alun	120	4	3.3	17	14.2	39	32.5	26	21.7	17	14.2	9	7.5	3	2.5	2	1.7	3	2.5	71.7	95.5
Alun,Mold	234	47	20.1	30	12.8	36	15.4	38	16.2	13	5.6	20	8.5	16	6.8	19	8.1	15	6.4	64.5	93.6
Argoed	109	0	0	7	6.4	33	30.3	30	27.5	17	15.6	16	14.7	4	3.7	1	0.9	1	0.9	64.2	99.1
Maes Garmon	47	0	0	0	0	1	2.1	4	8.5	10	21.3	15	31.9	11	23.4	4	8.5	2	4.3	10.6	95.7
John Summers	45	0	0	2	4.4	6	13.3	6	13.3	15	33.3	7	15.6	7	15.6	1	2.2	1	2.2	31.1	97.8
St David's Saltney	80	2	2.5	5	6.3	17	21.3	13	16.3	20	25	11	13.8	5	6.3	6	7.5	1	1.3	46.3	98.8
LEIC LEIC Totals <i>Cyfanswm AALL</i>	875	71	8.1	81	9.3	173	19.8	185	21.1	118	13.5	112	12.8	64	7.3	41	4.7	28	3.2	58.3	100
Wales <i>Holl Cymru</i>	10,098		4		10		17		21		14		12		9		6		7	52	93

Flintshire Schools –TABLE 5 GCE ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS 2016– ALL -RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Ysgolion Sir Y Fflint – TABL 5 - CANLYNIADAU SAFON UWCH 2016 – PAWB ASTUDIAETHAU CREFYDDOL

664		Flintshire	2	5.3	10	26.3	17	44.7	7	18.4	2	5.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	38	100.0	12	31.6	36	94.7	38	100.0		
Key Stage 5 Religious Studies Results 2016 (Final)																									ALL PUPILS			
A Level			Analysis By Grade																				Pass Percentages					
			A*		A		B		C		D		E		U		X		Total Entries		A*-A		A*-C		A*-E			
ALI / LA	Rhif yr Ysgol / School I	Enw'r Ysgol / School Name	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%		
664	6644006	Alun School	2	18.2	1	9.1	6	54.5	1	9.1	1	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	100.0	3	27.3	10	90.9	11	100.0
664	6644017	Castell Alun High School	0	0.0	9	34.6	10	38.5	6	23.1	1	3.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	26	100.0	9	34.6	25	96.2	26	100.0
664	6644999	Deeside Consortium	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	1	100.0

All Pupils	1,446	3.5	14.8	32.9	27.7	15.5	4.7
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18.3	78.9	99.1
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- GCE Advanced Subsidiary Results

Key Stage 5 Religious Studies Results 2016 (Final)																									ALL PUPILS			
AS Level			Analysis By Grade																				Pass Percentages					
			A*		A		B		C		D		E		U		X		Total Entries		A		A*-C		A*-E			
ALI / LA	Rhif yr Ysgol / School I	Enw'r Ysgol / School Name	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%		
664	6644006	Alun School			1	25.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	100.0	1	25.0	2	50.0	3	75.0
664	6644017	Castell Alun High School			0	0.0	2	66.7	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	100.0	0	0.0	2	66.7	3	100.0
664	6644600	St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0
664	6644999	Deeside Consortium			1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0

Flintshire Schools –TABLE 6
Ysgolion Sir Y Fflint – TABL 6

GCE ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS 2015– ALL -RELIGIOUS STUDIES
- CANLYNIADAU SAFON UWCH 2015 – PAWB ASTUDIAETHAU CREFYDDOL

Schools <i>Ysgolion</i>	Total <i>Cyfanswm</i>	A*	%	A	%	B	%	C	%	D	%	E	%	U	%	% A*-C	% A-E
Elfed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connah's Quay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flint	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St.Richard Gwyn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawarden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holywell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Castell Alun	25	1	4	3	12	13	52	5	20	3	12	0	0	0	0	88	100
Alun,Mold	15	1	6.7	6	40	3	20	3	20	1	6.7	1	6.7	0	0	87	100
Argoed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maes Garmon	2	0	0	1	50	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
John Summers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St.David's Saltney	1	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
LEA Totals <i>Cyfanswm AALL</i>	43	2	4.7	10	23	18	42	8	19	4	9.3	1	2.3	0	0	88	100
<i>All Wales Holl Cymru</i>	1444		4		19		31		27		14		5		0	81	100



Cyfarfod Cymdeith as CYSAG au Cymru,

Wales Association of SACREs meeting, Carmarthenshire

Attendance

<p>Ynys Môn / Anglesey Bethan James Rheinallt A. Thomas</p>	<p>Sir Ddinbych / Denbighshire Phil Lord</p>	<p>Powys John Mitson Margaret Evitts</p>
<p>Blaenau Gwent Gill Vaisey</p>	<p>Sir y Fflint / Flintshire Phil Lord</p>	<p>Rhondda Cynon Taf Paula Webber Mathew Maidment</p>
<p>Pen-y-bontar Ogwr / Bridgend Edward Evans Vicky Thomas</p>	<p>Gwynedd Bethan James</p>	<p>Abertawe / Swansea Vicky Thomas Brinley Jones Alison Lewis</p>
<p>Caerffili/ Caerphilly Vicky Thomas John Taylor Enlys Hawthorn Janet Jones</p>	<p>Sir Fynwy / Monmouthshire Gill Vaisey</p>	<p>Torfaen /Torfaen Vicky Thomas Daniel Foster</p>
<p>Caerdydd / Cardiff Gill Vaisey Janet Jones</p>	<p>Castell-nedd Port Talbot / Neath and Port Talbot</p>	<p>Bro Morgannwg / Vale of Glamorgan Paula Webber Dafydd Treharne</p>
<p>Casnewydd / Newport Vicky Thomas Huw Stephens</p>	<p>Sir Benfro / Pembrokeshire Mary Parry</p>	<p>Wrecsam / Wrexham Samantha Jesson Ruth Holden</p>
<p>Sir Gaerfyrddin / Carmarthenshire Mary Parry</p>		<p>Sylwedyddion / Observers Emlyn Doyle (Cyngor Sir Fâr?) Tudor Thomas (REMW) Kathy Riddick (Wales Humanists) Vaughan Salisbury (CYSAG Ceredigion) Jean Lewis (Cyngor Sir Gâr CYSAG CAERFYRDDIN) Gwyneth Thomas (Cyngor Sir Gâr CYSAG CAERFYRDDIN)</p>
<p>Ceredigion Alwen Roberts</p>		
<p>Conwy Phil Lord Nicholas Richter</p>		

Minutes

1. Introduction and welcome

Chair of WASACRE, Phil Lord, welcomed members to Carmarthenshire. The Leader of the Council, Emlyn Doyle, welcomed WASACRE to the Council Chamber. Members enjoyed the performance of the choir from Ysgol Gynradd Llangennech. Emlyn Doyle shared his support for SACREs and recognised the importance of WASACRE and of RE in Wales in a climate of educational change. He acknowledged that Carmarthenshire takes RE seriously and ensures a holistic education, which aims to develop empathy, tolerance and respect. As such it employs a Challenge Advisor to provide training and practical help to implement effective RE.

2. Quiet reflection

PL led a reflection, asking members to consider the need to work towards unity within communities. RE is in a position to remind people of this responsibility.

3. Apologies

Libby Jones, Jen Malcom, Tania ap Sion, Leslie Francis, Ernie Galsworthy, Sally Northcott

4. NAPfRE presentation

Headteacher, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Myrddin presented on collective worship in the secondary school. Assemblies are organised so that all pupils have the opportunity to participate in and deliver a daily act of collective worship. They share ideas and celebrate success as well as reflect. During questions the Headteacher was thanked by a WASACRE member who had previously been a teacher at the school. PL expressed WASACRE's thanks and reflected that newly built secondary schools have no communal space and would, therefore, find it difficult to develop a sense of community via bringing all pupils in a school together.

Comments included the positive contribution collective Worship could make to a pupil's experience in a secondary school and the good practice that could be shared from the presentation provided by Bro Myrddin.

5. Minutes of meeting held in Rhyl, 23 June 2016

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Huw Stephens and seconded by Edward Evans.

- 6. Matters Arising.** VT said the new GCSE had been approved and was on WJEC website. She informed WASACRE that concerns had been raised at SACREs that there were training issues as there was an increase in content and more emphasis on textual concepts. Dan Foster – Head teacher representing Torfaen SACRE expressed concern that the cost of training by the WJEC has risen rapidly. Schools are finding this difficult because of financial constraints. Tudor Thomas agreed but said that training for new specifications was free. He said schools are on tight budgets and that representation is needed to WJEC suggesting that it carries a responsibility for schools in Wales in particular as it is the sole Examination Board in Wales. The WJEC are offering one free training place for all schools on four dates during this academic year.

ACTION: PL agreed to find the link to RE Ideas on the Peniarth website. Copies going back as far as 2000 have been made available by REMW. Every SACRE Clarke should have a copy of the list of RE Ideas publications to share with SACREs.

P 4. Item 4. The reply was sent to Lynda and LJ maintained email contact with WJEC regarding this issue. However, the letter to QW was not sent due to the Specification being accredited during the Autumn term.

P4. Item 5 Humanists on SACRE – Kathy Riddick from Humanists Wales has been invited to attend the Carmarthenshire meeting following a letter she sent to WASACRE highlighting this issue.

P5: Item 5 – Incerts: GV informed members that LJ had requested a statement from Welsh Government that we could use to inform Incerts that the level descriptions contained within agreed syllabuses are statutory. However, the response from Welsh Government did not address the original question. NAPfRE suggest we should go back to the original legislation which states that the Agreed Syllabuses are statutory and, therefore, the Levels within them are statutory. Rheinallt Thomas said officers in the Assembly are aware that it is the right of every SACRE to adopt the National Framework, but that this can only be done legally at a local level by individual SACREs, not at a national level. He also said Welsh Government must go forward carefully if RE is placed within humanities as RE has to be determined locally. GV proposed that WASACRE should make a second request to WG for a statement on the status of an agreed syllabus.

P6. Welsh Baccalaureate – A discussion was held on the consequences of not delivering statutory RE, which isn't just an issue at Key Stage 4. There is a local responsibility to ensure the Agreed Syllabus is being implemented. It was noted that some Pioneer Schools are confused as to the status of the Agreed Syllabus. WASACRE were told that this was discussed at the NAPfRE meeting. Some SACREs intend to write to schools reminding them of the obligation to follow the Agreed Syllabus. It was felt that there should be a consistent message sent out by SACREs across Wales.

Action: VT has written letters from her SACREs to schools reminding them of their statutory requirements and has agreed to share this with NAPfRE members so that they and their SACREs can consider whether to they should write something similar to their schools.

GV raised the issue that only 70 responses were received to the Welsh Bacc Survey and asked whether WASACRE would follow this up to get a fuller picture. Monmouthshire SACRE felt it worthwhile to get broader picture of what is happening across Wales, expressing concern about schools that had not responded to the survey. Dan Foster asked whether a misunderstanding of the statutory nature of an agreed syllabus could mean that Pioneer Schools could be acting illegally. The letters from SACREs would help in reminding them of the statutory nature of the Agreed Syllabus. Local Authority Officers sit on SACRE and they should be the link to schools. A teacher representative said that he is aware that one school in his LA is not complying with its statutory obligation for RE because of the Welsh Baccalaureate. This could be a slippery slope and SACREs have to act on it. PL reminded members that they have been advised by Welsh Government of the process for dealing with schools that are not complying and that SACREs should be following that. Tudor Thomas raised concern that due to the changes in GCSE specifications, the content has become heavier and that is worrying for the RE community in Wales as schools may now only deliver token RE.

It was agreed that WASACRE would not re-send the survey to schools but that each SACRE should follow-up with their own schools and feedback to WASACRE. MM suggested that SACREs should try to ensure that the survey goes directly to heads of department and not the school secretary or the headteacher.

7. Presentation - Support for schools in delivering the new GCSE specification for Religious Studies and the role of Lead Practitioners

Presented by Tonia Antinarzi who is seconded to ERW as Leader of Learning of Non-Core subjects. Tonia's responsibility is to work with lead practitioners to establish networks and to establish support for the non core subjects. Lead practitioners for RE have set up in each of the regions. They are working to create resources to support the implementation of the new WJEC GCSE and are beginning to share information and resources via Hwb. Resources will be translated into Welsh and Quality Assured. Lead practitioners are keen to hear from classroom teachers who would like to work together to create resources. A SACRE rep raised concerns that increased content of the new specification could mean that that grades may not be as high if they are expected to deliver GCSE Religious Studies in an hour a week. VT asked whether there was an intention to share resources wider to other consortia. Tonia affirmed this and said that links are already being made with EAS in Newport. Alison Lewis, a Lead

Practitioner, highlighted the difficulty in getting schools to use Hwb but said that the resources are there if they want access them. Tonia said that the launch of Lead Practitioners was on 21st Oct and they have already made a lot of progress. A member asked if there had been involvement from SACREs in this process. Tonia confirmed this and is interested in hearing from schools with strong RE departments, especially Welsh language schools. Tonia will share the details of the lead practitioners for RE with WASACRE. Lead practitioners have written to all schools in the area to draw attention to the work they are doing. They are conducting a survey to map strengths.

BJ said that lead practitioners in North Wales have been getting organised and preparing resources. She asked whether they are doubling up on the work in Wales and whether they would benefit from working with colleagues across Wales. Tonia said that she sees her job as coordinating links with other consortia. A member asked who would be Quality Assuring. Tonia said that whilst the WJEC can't endorse the work they were able to check that they were on the right track. They would also be using teachers in the area and Mary Parry as the Advisor. Everything should be ready by the end of June. Tonia will follow up those who aren't involved. MM asked when the GCSE books would be made available. He highlighted the issue that the books only cover 3 religions Christianity, Judaism and Islam. VT agreed that there was an issue that there are no resources for Eastern Religions. Tonia said that the whole course was being mapped out and that it has covered all religions. PL said that there will be a presentation from a lead practitioner in summer WASACRE meeting and we look forward to an update and the end of the process.

8. Updates:

Update: Curriculum Review – BJ said that many of the schools are trying to imagine what the Donaldson Curriculum will look like. Pioneer schools are hoping that by January Step 2 will begin and they will develop models for their Areas of Learning and Experience across Wales. BJ informed WASACRE that Phil Lord, Libby Jones and Gill Vaisey had represented WASACRE at regular Stakeholders' meetings with Welsh Government to discuss the new curriculum. There is also a meeting to be held with officers of the Welsh Government on 14th December. The role of WASACRE in the curriculum review process will be discussed.

A member highlighted a concern about the slow progress in the development of the new curriculum and said that Welsh Government has not given any suggestion of what the curriculum will look like. It was brought to the attention of WASACRE that some schools are under impression they don't have to follow the Agreed Syllabus. BJ also raised the issue of lack of time for teacher training on what good RE is. This is especially important to non-specialists. BJ suggested that we need to scrutinise the contribution of the pioneer schools and would welcome having an input into that. NAPfRE are preparing a document entitled "What is Good RE" to share with schools and are meeting before the end of term to finish this. Members of WASACRE are informed of the progress of the new curriculum and regularly feed back to members.

WASACRE have had correspondence from Carmarthenshire SACRE raising concerns about what RE will look like in the new curriculum and what the role of SACRE will be.

WASACRE have a meeting with The Minister for Education on 2nd March 2017 and will pose a question around the status of the Agreed Syllabus.

A member spoke about the concerns of the Presbyterian Church about the uncertainty of what is happening. They have sent a letter to Carmarthenshire SACRE and WASACRE as well as to Kirsty Williams because they are concerned about how Christianity will be taught in the new curriculum. RT suggested that Church Schools might find it difficult to become part of this curriculum and that the Church in Wales and the Roman Catholic Church should use its links to the Welsh Government to discuss this.

PL asked how RE would work if it is based in the humanities curriculum and suggested that it is important to keep a watching brief on that.

Update: Guidance on Managing the Right of Withdrawal from Religious Education. GV said that the document is now out for consultation with a variety of organisations, faith representatives and educationalists. She is delighted with the support and positive tone in which the document is being received. The document was initially produced in response to a headteacher, but the document has evolved and is now for parents, teachers and all parties. GV shared the document with colleagues in England at the REC Conference and there had been lots of interest. The document will go to a graphic designer for professional design and printing. Translation is needed but it should be available in the Summer Term.

Update on REC

GV said that Rudy Lockhart, CEO of REC, has been actively talking to MPs to ensure they understand what RE is. REC reps attended Party Political Conferences for the Labour and Conservative Parties to raise the profile of RE and to build good relationships with MPs. It was suggested that local SACREs should be informing their local politicians about standards achieved in GCSE locally as this is something they will care about.

REQM have a new manager, Linda Rudge.

There is a minimum subscription for REC of £250 but the average being given is £370.

There was a presentation on new resources at the conference.

1. Understanding Christianity Project: The National Society aim to raise standards in the teaching of Christianity following a survey which highlighted inadequacies. A resource and two day training package has been created for teachers who will be provided the pack of resources at the end of the course. They are training people to deliver the courses and GV will be attending.
2. Understanding Humanism: The Humanist Association has created a website with excellent resources for moral and social education as well as RE. They are hoping to translate all resources into Welsh.
3. The Board of Deputies of British Jews has produced a book to support Judaism GCSE Religious Studies: The Definitive Resource by Clive Lawton to help teachers with the quality of education on Judaism.

Update: EFTRE – PL attended the conference in August. The conference discussed what RE looks like across Europe and most countries take a confessional approach. There was discussion about how students are seen as commodities for economic growth with documentation from systems across Europe showing a move away from wellbeing and holistic and spiritual approaches.

PL will attend the Exec meeting of EFTRE next week in Finland.

Update: Welsh Government contact meeting - WASACRE are keeping in contact with WG via regular meetings. The next meeting is in December. Discussions have included 10/94 and the Agreed Syllabus. There has also been discussion on the Welsh Bacc and the new curriculum.

Annual reports issue – This issue is still unresolved and WASACRE will be pushing for WG to maintain its current responsibility to collate the reports as per 10/94. WASACRE will be kept up-dated on progress.

9. Report from the Executive Committee

Minutes from meeting –

P1 Action 1 - Letter to Kirsty Williams.

Edward Evans has written to Welsh Government to ask whether changing the law with regards to Religious Education in England would have an impact in Wales. – What are the residual powers of

Westminster? The response received did not adequately address the question and he would therefore write again, this time directly to Kirsty Williams.

REC subscription – PL advised that as a small organisation WASACRE was entitled to pay a reduced subscription to REC and this would be £99.

Lead Practitioners - There will be a presentation updating us on the work done in the Summer meeting.

PL said that WASACRE is pleased to see John Mitson is still able to attend and that WASACRE will still draw upon his skills.

The next Executive is meeting next on the **1st Feb.**

10. Correspondence

1. Letter from Neeter Baicher – about the book *Unsung* by Dr Darminder Singh Chada raising awareness and paying tribute to the Sikh soldiers to the British Empire.
2. Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Secretary of Education agreed to a meeting with WASACRE on Thursday 2nd March, 2017 as a result of the request for a meeting LJ sent.
3. Pam Evans, CEO of Peace Mala, wrote informing WASACRE about the Peace Mala at Llandaff Cathedral on Thursday 20th July, 2017
4. Correspondence with Kathy Riddick, Development Officer, Wales Humanists discussing the place of Humanists in SACRE. Kathy Riddick was invited to attend WASACRE as an observer in order to begin a positive dialogue between the two associations. Kathy was in attendance in the meeting and explained that the Humanist Society wanted non-religious views represented alongside religious views as well as a positive relationship with SACREs. Kathy informed WASACRE that the Humanist Society has school speakers available across Wales. Edward Evans said that a Humanist had faithfully attended and made a valuable contribution to Bridgend SACRE for number of years. However, he reminded WASACRE that we are bound by circular 10/94 and therefore, non-religious belief systems can only be co-opted members and this is still the legal position. PL said that this is an issue for Welsh Government. Kathy Riddick said that the Humanist Society has written to Welsh Government on this issue.

11. A.O.B.

Tania and Leslie have published materials on the St Mary's Website and reminded WASACRE of the A Level journal So far there have been 10 issues with over 40 articles published. There are two new Foundation Phase resources available for free from the St Mary's Centre website. The 'Exploring Why' series and 'Exploring Our World' series are available from <http://www.st-marys-centre.org.uk/resoruces>

A Level resources for the new curriculum -MP raised the issue of this need, suggesting that we might seek funding for lead teachers to create resources to share in the same way lead practitioners are working on resources for GCSE. She suggested WASACRE and/or the REMW might consider funding this work. TT suggested that the WJEC have a role to play in this. He said that there are textbooks available written by chief examiners. The WJEC is a benefactor and they need to benefit from it and could perhaps act as a coordinator. BJ said that there are new GCSE and A level and groups working together voluntarily. She would be interested in other groups working together in a more formal sense providing a network of sharing good practice who are able to produce resources which is fully endorsed by WJEC. Someone would need to manage this. PL asked who their employer would be. A member suggested using the Hwb to share resources. It was suggested that two or three teachers could coordinate it. JM discussed the financial issues and suggested that it would be difficult for WASACRE to fund this alone and would need to work with others. GV suggested asking REMW if they could also provide some funding and that we might also think about asking other organisations to help. RT said the residual balances of REMW do not match that of WASACRE but that this could be discussed in the next meeting of REMW.

TT felt strongly that as the WJEC is a profit making organisation and it is their product that they should be key players.

WASACRE voted that it would like to see this investigated further as speed is of the essence.

WASACRE minutes – RT brought it to the attention of WASACRE that old WASACRE minutes are not stored on the website. He suggested that it is important that the reports of the previous conferences are on the website and that with modern technology it would be easy to do this. **Action: PL is to look into is situation.**

PL informed WASACRE that Jen Malcom is retiring. He thanked her for her contribution to WASACRE and expressed best wishes for her retirement and for the future.

12. Date for next meeting: 3rd March 2017, Monmouthshire. Venue: County Hall, Usk.

Future meeting dates:

- Summer 2017, Wrexham
- Autumn 2017, Bridgend
- Spring 2018, Swansea

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