

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE**

**9 February 2022**

Minutes of the meeting of the SACRE Agreed Syllabus Conference held virtually on  
the 9 February 2022

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Elected Members:**

Cllr Chris Bithell (CB); Cllr Janet Axworthy (JA); Cllr Adele Davies-Cooke;  
Cllr Marion Bateman and Cllr Paul Cunningham

**Church in Wales Representatives (St Asaph Diocese)**

Jennie Downes (JD); Marina Parsons (MP), Ysgol Trelawynd VA School

**Roman Catholic Representatives -** John Morgan, St. Anthony RC school

**Secondary school representatives** Catherine McCormack (CM), Headteacher St  
Richard Gwyn RC High School, Flint; Lyn Oakes

**Primary teacher representatives** Amira Mattir (AM) Westwood CP School,  
Buckley,

**Primary headteachers Federation** Simon Piercy

**Special School representative** – Julian Lewis, Ysgol Pen Coch

**Presbyterian Church of Wales** Rev Huw Powell Davies

**Deeside VI College** - Rob Hughes

**Education Representatives**

Vicky Barlow (VB), Senior Manager School Improvement; Jane Borthwick, Senior  
Learning Adviser

Also in attendance- Kim Brookes, Senior Manager, Education & Youth (Clerk);  
Nicola Gittins (NG) Democratic Services Clerk

NG confirmed meeting being recorded. CM welcomed colleagues to the meeting.

**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR CONFERENCE**

Clerk invited expressions of interest for appointment of Chair/Vice Chair to the Conference. Cllrs PC and JA nominated CM. Accepted

Cllrs CB and PC nominated Cllr MB as Vice Chair. Accepted.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared but noted those elected members who are school governors.

**3. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES**

CM welcomed colleagues to the Conference to review and agree the local RVE Syllabus.

No apologies received.

**4. CURRICULUM 2022 AND RELIGION, VALUE AND ETHICS GUIDANCE DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE (26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020)**

Cllr CB stated the new Standing Advisory Council (SAC) must be reflective of the religious and philosophical makeup of the area and can we be sure we are representative. CM proposed, and agreed, that the current Census is used to inform what will be appropriate representatives. The meeting noted that a response was awaited to an invitation to join from the Humanist Society.

VB advised that the Conference can make recommendations to the SAC as to future representatives from September but noted no requests to join had been received to date.

**Action:** Conference to consider recommendations.

**5. REVIEW OF THE LOCALLY AGREED SYLLABUS – A SUGGESTED WAY FORWARD**

VB proposed the following recommendations:

That a working group be established to consider and work in principle to adopt the RVE statutory guidance with meetings scheduled for 17 February and 3 March;

That the working group consider the questions provided in the guidance and make their recommendation to adopt the RVE guidance back to full Conference meeting on the 17 March;

VB confirmed that supply cover is available to those school representatives who can attend the workshops.

**Action:** members to confirm to VB their availability to attend.

The Conference agreed to the recommendations.

**Action;** NG to invite all SACRE members to the closing Conference meeting on the 17 March

Meeting closed 17.00