

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SACRE COMMITTEE

16 June 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the SACRE Committee of Flintshire County Council held via webex on the 16 June 2021

IN ATTENDANCE:

Elected Members:

Cllr Chris Bithell (CB) (Chair); Cllr Ian Roberts; Cllr Dave Mackie (DM); Cllr Colin Legg (CL); Cllr Paul Cunningham (PC); Cllr Janet Axworthy (JA); Cllr Adele Davies-Cooke; Cllr Marion Bateman

Education Representatives

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

Church in Wales Representatives (St Asaph Diocese) - Marina Parsons (MP)
(Headteacher Trelawynd)

Presbyterian Church of Wales -Rev. Huw Powell Davies (HD)

Teacher Associations:

Primary Heads Federation - Simon Percy (SP) (Golftyn School)

Also in attendance- Kim Brookes, Senior Manager, Education & Youth (Clerk)

Cllr B welcomed colleagues to the meeting. Owing to technical difficulties it was not possible to livestream the meeting but a recording of the meeting would be available at the end of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Lyn Oakes; Amira Mattar; Wendy White; John Morgan; Claire Homard.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT

None declared

3. MINUTES of meeting held on 10 February 2021

Proposed DM, seconded JA accepted as a true record.

Matters arising: None

4. **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE WASACRE MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2021**

CB thanked JA, DM and LO for attending the meeting on Flintshire's behalf. DM thanked VB for her superb report. VB reported that the papers of the meeting are available on the WASACRE website. Main areas of discussion were transition from an RE syllabus to Religion, Values and Ethics; coordinated approach with Wales Government to professional development for practitioners; changes to SACRE constitutions and locally consulted syllabuses. JA also thanked VB and asked the meeting to note that next years' AGM is to be hosted by Flintshire.

Action: VB to send link to group to the WASACRE website

5. **WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON THE CURRICULUM FOR WALES GUIDANCE FOR RELGION VALUES AND ETHICS**

VB referred to the consultation report circulated with the agenda which had moved on from the earlier draft produced in April. She reported that it was also the intention of Wales Government to offer workshops on the document. In reviewing the document she asked the group to bear in mind the following:

- Are we clear about audience and purpose?
- Is language and terminology appropriate?
- Approach to professional development – how does this help practitioners?
- Is it clear what the role of SACRE is going forward?

View of group is that it would be useful to hold a workshop to discuss and prepare our response to the Consultation. PC asked that Diocese Directors be invited also to attend the workshop.

Action: VB to diary a workshop with members in good time to develop our response by 16 July.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

7. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Dates of future meetings:

Thursday 7th October 2021
Thursday 25th November 2021
Wednesday 9th February 2022
Wednesday 8th June 2022

Meeting ended 16.32pm