

**CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:**                    **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**DATE:**                            **27TH SEPTEMBER 2006**

**SUBJECT:**                       **THE WASACRE MEETING HELD ON 23RD  
JUNE 2006 IN CAERNARVON, GWYNEDD**

**PURPOSE:**                      **TO INFORM THE SACRE OF THE  
DISCUSSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS OF  
WASACRE**

**Summary**

The issues were as follows:

**1. Election issues**

It was agreed that during the Autumn term all SACREs would be notified of the representation on the WASACRE executive. It was noted that in future all nominations for executive or officers positions need to be received by 1st March.

**2. Presentation: A Thinking Skills Approach**

Graham Davies, Carys Thomas and Vicky Thomas gave a presentation on developing thinking skills in RE based on their series of books 'Exploring Questions in RE'. The importance of developing pupils' thinking skills was emphasised and reference was made to the ACCAC draft framework as a structure for developing thinking skills. Members had the opportunity to discuss and take part in a range of thinking skills strategies including snowball, zoom lens board, maps from memory and emotion line graphs.

**3. Meeting with the Minister on 17th May 2005**

Feedback was received regarding the meeting between a delegation of WASACRE and NAPfRE with the Minister for Education and Lifelong learning on 17th May 2006. During the meeting the Minister was informed about the activities of WASACE and the delegation discussed issues relating to:

- The brief, structure and responsibilities of DELLS
- A partnership between WASACRE and DELLS to enhance the National Curriculum Review as far as RE is concerned.
- Professional Development of teachers
- The future role of SACREs and the potential for collaboration between Unitary Authorities.

### **Election of Officers**

Vaughan Salisbury (Ceredigion SACRE) was elected to the role of vice-chair.

Rheinallt Thomas (Anglesey) and Revd Edward Evans (Bridgend) were elected to the executive committee.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer presented the Statements of Accounts for 2005-2006. It was agreed that the annual subscription per SACRE for membership of WASACRE, during the 2006/2007 financial year, would be set at £357, which represents an uplift of 3.5% on the 2005-6 subscription (£345).

### **Review of the Year**

The Review was approved for circulation to all SACREs.

### **RE Council for England and Wales**

Members were informed that Gavin Craigen, the chair of WASACRE for 2006-07 and Mairwena Lloyd represent WASACRE on the RE Council for England and Wales. It was noted that Gavin Craigen had been elected to represent Wales on the Executive Committee of the RE Council.

### **WASACRE Special Conference 20TH May 2006**

A report of the WASACRE Special Conference will be sent to SACREs in the near future. The chair of WASACRE thanked everyone who was involved in the organisation of the conference and to everyone who attended.

**Date of next meeting: 17th November 2006, Cwmbran by invitation of Torfaen LEA.**