



STANDING CONFERENCE OF CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ST GWLADYS CHURCH, BARGOED
ON THURSDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY 2008 AT 2.45 PM**

PRESENT:

Councillor D.M. Gray - Chairman

Councillors:

D.G. Carter, R.T. Davies, D.M. Gray, G.G. Hibbert, Mrs D. Price

Representing Teacher Organisations:

Miss H. Bartley (ATL), Mrs N.L. Boardman (NUT), Miss C. Cook (NASUWT), Ms K. Mathias (VALRETA), Ms A. Stevens (ASCL), Mrs C. Thompson (NAHT)

Representing Religious Organisations:

Mr D. Brooks (Independent), Mrs E. Hawthorn (United Reformed Church), Mrs J. Jones (Church in Wales), Captain Ms B. Womersley (Salvation Army)

Together with:

V. Thomas (ESIS Religious Education Advisor), M. Williams (School Effectiveness Advisor), R. Thomas (Committee Services Officer)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Taylor and Mrs S. John (UCAC).

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the beginning or during the meeting.

2. TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE REVISED AGREED SYLLABUS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Members were reminded of the legal requirement for a SACRE to review its agreed syllabus every five years, and for the need for the curriculum to be in line with National Curriculum subjects.

Officers confirmed the previous action taken by the Committee in preparing and reviewing the revised agreed syllabus. In addition, the agreed syllabus was consistent with the revised DCELLS Framework for Religious Education.

Members reviewed the document page by page, and Officers highlighted all the changes incorporated since Members viewed the draft document on 25th September 2007.

Officers advised that the agreed syllabus and the exemplification material would be made available on CDs for schools and distributed during training. This exemplification material has been produced by working parties of teachers across South Wales and all LEAs involved have agreed to share materials and best practices.

Members of Caerphilly SACRE Standing Conference complimented the document and unanimously agreed to the following:

- (i) to adopt the new agreed syllabus for RE;
- (ii) following its adoption, the new agreed syllabus be introduced into schools from September 2008; and
- (iii) to support the training programme for teachers to provide guidance on implementation - Summer 2008.

The meeting closed at 3.15 p.m.

Approved as a correct record, and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2008, they were signed by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN