



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

STANDING CONFERENCE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE (RHYMNEY ROOM)
ON MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2013 AT 2:50PM**

PRESENT:

Councillor D.M. Gray - Chairman
Councillor J. Taylor - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

D.G. Carter and W. David.

Representing Teaching Organisations: Miss H. Bartley (ATL), Mrs N. Boardman (NUT) and Mrs B. Davies (UCAC).

Representing Religious Organisations: Mrs E. Hawthorn (United Reform Church) and Mrs J. Jones (Church in Wales).

Together with:

V. Thomas (RE Consultant), K. Cole (Manager Learning, Education and Inclusion) and E. Sullivan (Democratic Services Officer).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs G.D. Oliver and Mrs M.E. Sargent. Teacher Representatives Miss H. Marsh (ASCL) and Mrs D. Williams (NASUWT). Religious Organisations Mr M. Western (Cardiff ROC Archdiocesan) and Lieutenant C. Di-Palma (Salvation Army).

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. RE-ADOPTION OF THE REVISED AGREED SYLLABUS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The report informed Members of the requirement to review the Agreed Syllabus for RE on a five-year basis and the possible impact that the present review of the National Curriculum orders by 2014 and the Foundation Phase curriculum might have.

Mrs Thomas confirmed that Caerphilly's review of the Agreed Syllabus for RE was now due, however given that the National Curriculum Orders and Foundation Phase pilot curriculum were currently under review it would seem prudent to re-adopt the current syllabus until the outcomes of the reviews were made available. Members were referred to the statement from Welsh Government and the recommendation of WASACRE as detailed in Appendix 1 and 2 of the report.

Members agreed that to make any changes now would be ill advised, when there could be further changes as a result of the review. Members fully discussed the implications of literacy and numeracy framework and how the RE syllabus would fit within it and agreed that stability at this stage was of paramount importance and would seek to limit any unnecessary changes to the syllabus.

It was moved and seconded that the current agreed syllabus be readopted until the outcomes of the National Curriculum review and the Foundation Phase pilot were made available and by a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

It was moved and seconded that the agreed syllabus be reviewed in line with revisions to the National Curriculum subjects, if appropriate, from September 2014 onwards and by a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 15.05 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 Thursday, 14th November 2013, they were signed by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN