



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) - 5TH MARCH 2014

SUBJECT: WASACRE MEETING 10TH OCTOBER 2013 IN CARDIFF

REPORT BY: ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of the discussions and deliberations of WASACRE.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The discussion and deliberation from the WASACRE meeting held in Cardiff on the 10th October 2013 are detailed below.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

3.1 The report links directly to SACRE's duty to monitor and develop the provision of Religious Education and Collective Worship in schools and the CCBC Strategic Equality Plan 2012.

4. THE REPORT

4.1 The minutes of the WASACRE meeting of the 10th October 2013 are provided below: -

4.2 Minutes

1. *Welcome.* Chair, Tania ap Sion, welcomed members to the meeting which took place after the WASACRE National conference and talked about the difference in this meeting from other WASACRE meetings. Tania ap Sion directed members to the Next meeting on Thursday, 27th March 2014, which will follow the usual format and will have presentations.
2. *Quiet reflection.* Chair asked members to take a moment to reflect on the day's events at the conference and to prepare for the present meeting.
3. *Apologies.* Helen Bevan, Ruth Frost, Ramez Delpack, Ernie Galsworthy.
4. *Minutes of meeting held in Caernarfon, 19th June 2013.* With the addition of Cllr Huw George to the attendees list the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Carys Pritchard and seconded by Phil Lord.
5. *Matters arising.* Item 5. NAPfRE presentation: Phil Lord REQM. Three out of the four schools from the Welsh pilot have been trained as assessors. There will be a Welsh language pilot. Funding has been given for all resources to be translated. Schools should use the 'free' materials to self assess and if they wish to be assessed formally there would

be a cost of £450.00 per school. Item 7. Updates: Estyn Thematic Review. Vicky Thomas reminded members that since the report was published WASACRE has funded Key Stage 3 training for RE teachers in levelling pupil work as outlined in the National Exemplar Framework for Religious Education. Therefore one of the recommendations has been addressed already. Marry Parry suggested that WASACRE could ask schools what impact the training has had on the pupil's learning and their own teaching by carrying out a formal feedback procedure. Item 7. Updates: Welsh Government review of SACRE annual reports. Tania ap Sion confirmed that this report is in the process of being published and will be circulated to SACRE's when this had been done.

6. *Report from the Executive Committee held on 4 Hydref 2011.* The report was presented to members and the Chair drew members' attention to Item 8 and Item 11. Item 8. Welsh Government. Tania ap Sion confirmed that WASACRE now has a new link with Welsh Government, Ms Nia Mair Jones and that we have already highlighted some areas for discussion in future and that we are forging a very good relationship with Welsh Government, as we had previously done through Denize Morris, and which we have missed in recent years. Item 11. A.O.B. The Chair highlighted this issue, linking it to the discussion about WASACRE's work in training and supporting teachers and schools. Vicky Thomas suggested Self Evaluation in RE and CCW could be an identified training need. The Chair confirmed that the Executive committee will focus on this as an agenda item at the next Executive meeting. Item 6. Executive committee members. The Chair explained the situation with regard to the ballot for the position available on the WASACRE Executive committee and the resignation of Brian Rogers. Chair also asked Cllr Michael Gray for his patience whilst we deal this situation and confirmed that it needed to be thought through clearly and that the Constitution would be an agenda item at the next Executive meeting in February 2014.
7. *Correspondence.* No correspondence received
8. *A.O.B.* None.
9. Date of next meeting.

Thursday 27th March 2014 in Caerphilly

The Chair thanked Cllr Michael Gray for inviting WASACRE to Caerphilly for the spring meeting and thanks were also given to Garmon for the translation of the meeting and for the translation of the National conference. Cllr Michael Gray thanked WASACRE for the conference and the Chair thanked Carys Pritchard and the staff at Central South East Consortium for their assistance in organising the event.

The Chair confirmed that dates for WASACRE meetings and Executive meetings will be shared at the AGM in June 2014 for a year in advance.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report is for information purposes only, so the Council's Equalities Impact Assessment process has not been applied, however Religion and Belief is a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010 and locally is covered by section 6(xi) of the CCBC Strategic Equality Plan 2012.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications attached to this report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no personnel implications attached to this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 There are no consultation responses that have not been reflected in this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 SACRE noted the discussion and deliberations of WASACRE.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 For SACRE to be informed of the discussions and deliberations of WASACRE.

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