



**Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
SACRE Meeting
Tuesday, 9th November 2021
2.00pm
Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

Attendees	Initials	Affiliation
A Religions and Christian Denominations Abdul Alim Shahiesta Raja Mohammed Sidat John East	AA SR MS JE	Muslim Sikh Other Christian Denominations: URC
B Church of England Lisa Fenton	LF	Blackburn Diocese
C Teacher Associations Claire Taylor Jenny Savage Chris Dugdale Shenaz Rehman Becky Ham Jemma Kellow Greg Sharples	CT JS CD SR BH JK GS	Primary Rep Secondary Rep NHT SIG 1 SIG 5 SIG 6 SIG 7
D Local Authority Alison Ashworth Taylor Cllr Suleman Khonat Lillian Salton	AAT SK	

Also in attendance:

Dot Thomson (DT), Independent Consultant
Sharifa Valli (SV), School Effectiveness Co-ordinator (Clerk)
Paula Johnson (PJ), Solicitor, Democratic Service

Item no.		Lead
1.	Welcome, Introductions AAT welcomed all members to the meeting.	
2.	Apologies 1. Reeyaz Bala (Committee A) 2. Cllr Sylvia Liddle (Committee D) 3. Rev Stuart Smith (Committee A) 4. Helen Sage – (Committee B)	

	<p>5. Maulana Rafiq Sufi (Committee A)</p> <p>It was noted that Madhu Pandya is unable to join the meetings virtually but will be able attend any future face to face meetings.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>PJ to send wording to SV for the minutes</p> <p><u>Matters arising not in the main agenda</u></p> <p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) AAT to contact Phil Llewellyn (Corporate & Democratic Lead) with a view to appointing two members to fill the vacant positions on Committee D – AAT confirmed that PL is still working with leaders of to fill the vacancies. b) AAT to write to both Cllrs thanking them for their services to SACRE. AAT confirmed that this had been actioned. c) JG to speak to the Leader of the Council regarding the ratification of the Town of Sanctuary process. JG will also speak to JS regarding pursuing the school of sanctuary initiative. AAT to speak Cllr Julie Gunn regarding this. JG is still pursuing school of sanctuary status. It was agreed to keep this as a standing agenda item. d) AAT has met with SH and two of her staff who will be invited to attend the next HT meeting and explain what a school of sanctuary. School reps on Committee C to be invited for this item at the second Autumn Term. This will be discussed at the next HT briefing. e) The Annual report to the scrutiny committee has now been completed and was distributed to the group prior to the meeting. This report has been tabled to be presented to the Scrutiny committee on 6th October 2021. This had been presented to the Scrutiny committee and had been positively received. The report will be presented to the committee annually. f) AAT to write to the Leader of the Council and the Exec member for Children’s Services informing them of the need to review Agreed Syllabus which is up for renewal and establish an Agreed Syllabus Conference. AAT confirmed that this had been actioned. g) AAT to contact SIG leads to ask them nominate two RE subject leaders from maintained schools and one Secondary to sit on the Agreed Syllabus Conference group. SV had emailed all schools to ask for this nominations. h) AAT and LF to organise a meeting to look at RE bursaries. This meeting has not taken place and AAT will feedback at the next SACRE meeting. <p>AAT confirmed that the Annual Report had been sent to DfE and NASCRE.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>SACRE Development Plan –September 2022</p>	

<p>AAT went through key priorities in the action plan and gave a brief update:</p> <p>Key Priority 1a To ascertain levels of compliance - AAT confirmed that this is still red as others priorities were more key at this time and this priority would be more timely during the Agreed Syllabus conference.</p> <p>Key Priority 1b The SACRE work in effective partnership with the LA to monitor and evaluate standards for RE in Blackburn with Darwen. The data report had been well received and this has now been incorporated in the annual report.</p> <p>Key Priority 2 To ensure that The SACRE is legally compliant and effective in its partnership with the LA to enable the LA to carry out its responsibilities successfully. AAT has highlighted the vacancies in the report but was pleased that the SACRE reflects the diversity of the borough and thanked everyone for their attendance and support. WE have co opted local teachers of RE and we have an annual budget £15000.</p> <p>Key Priority 3 To evaluate the effectiveness of the previous agreed syllabus. To establish a clear procedure to ensure an efficient response to request for determination. AAT reported a 98% response from the consultation process and it was clear that there is a mandate for change. AAT, DT and HS had met on 2n November and dates had been sent out for the Agreed Syllabus Dates for the Agreed Syllabus conference are: 30th November 2021 via teams 11th January 2022 via team 8th March 2022 –venue tbc. It was agreed that there needs to be some pupil voice involvement in this process and AAT will confirm what the 8th March meeting will entail once the first two dates have taken place. DT confirmed that there has been a tentative agreement to hold a Pupil Voice conference on 11th March. DT is looking into appropriate venues to hold this conference.</p> <p>Key Priority 4 To establish a clear procedure to ensure an efficient response to request for determination. DT and AAT will looking at the procedure for determinations before Christmas. It was noted that the LA had appointed Michelle Smith (HT at the Redeemer) to the SEO post and she will take up post in the new year and support AAT in this process.</p> <p>Key Priority 5 To effectively link in with local authority and local initiatives which promote social and racial harmony It was noted that the LA had relaunched the Linking Classrooms project and currently 20 schools are taking part. It was agreed to invite the Linking Network to the SACRE meeting to speak to the board about this initiative.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AAT</p>
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	<p>Knife Angel and No More Knives initiative is going ahead. 12 secondary schools will be taking part in this. AAT also reported that Public Health have agreed to contribute £4,500 towards this project.</p> <p>AAT is due to meet with Mark Aspin who works for the local authority in the Community Safety team in a fortnight. They will look at how SACRE can support the various initiatives that his team will be involved in throughout the year.</p> <p>Action: DT to liaise with JE regarding premises for the Pupil Voice conference.</p> <p>JE asked reported that the LA is looking into the Afghan resettlement programme. It was noted that it is early days yet but this will involve our local churches, mosques and schools.</p> <p>Board members reported back how positive an experience it had been having the Knife angel at the cathedral in Blackburn.</p>	<p>AAT</p> <p>AAT</p>																																
<p>5.</p>	<p>SACRE Budget</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 898 967 1328"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description</th> <th>Actual</th> <th>Commitment</th> <th>Budget</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>-</td> <td>10,800.00</td> <td>15,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hired Services General</td> <td>3,360.00</td> <td>10,800.00</td> <td>15,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consultant Support</td> <td>3,300.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>No more Knives 12x 900</td> <td></td> <td>10,800.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>NASACRE 3 X attendees</td> <td>60.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Health cont</td> <td>+4,500.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Total remaining £5,340.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>AAT gave an update on the SACRE budget and there was enough funds to look at RE bursaries.</p> <p>It was agreed to look at RE Bursaries for Primary schools at the next meeting in January and vote on Budget proposals at the next meeting.</p>	Description	Actual	Commitment	Budget	Total	-	10,800.00	15,000.00	Hired Services General	3,360.00	10,800.00	15,000.00	Consultant Support	3,300.00			No more Knives 12x 900		10,800.00		NASACRE 3 X attendees	60.00			Public Health cont	+4,500.00						Total remaining £5,340.00	<p>All</p>
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<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Update from members</u></p> <p>It was noted that BCHS has been awarded the Reedy Black award for their work in the wider community. This award had been set up through the interfaith forum.</p>																																	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>There being no other business AAT thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.</p>																																	
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>25th January 2022 at 10.00am via TEAMS</p>																																	

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