



Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
SACRE Meeting
Tuesday, 23rd March 2021
10.00pm
Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Initials	Affiliation
A Religions and Christian Denominations Mohammed Sidat	MS	Muslim
B Church of England Helen Sage	HS	
C Teacher Associations Claire Taylor	CT	Primary
D Local Authority Cllr Julie Gunn Cllr Sylvia Liddle Alison Ashworth Taylor	JG SL AAT	

Also in attendance:

Dot Thomson (DT), Independent Consultant
 Sharifa Valli (SV), School Effectiveness Co-ordinator (Clerk)
 Paula Johnson (PJ), Solicitor, Democratic Services
 Liz Beaumont; NEU
 Chris Seddon; Guest Speaker

Item no.		Lead
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies AAT welcomed all members to the meeting. All members introduced themselves.	
2.	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received from 1. Jenny Savage (Committee C) 2. Lisa Fenton (Committee B) 3. Gillian Emmott 4. Jo Siddle	
3.	Visiting speaker Chris Seddon City of Sanctuary/ School of Sanctuary/Refugee Week CS attended the meeting at the request of the SACRE board to speak to them about the above initiative. CS explained to the group what this initiative entailed, how schools, colleges and even shops could be part of this initiative. The borough has been through the	

	<p>process of becoming a town of Sanctuary but this has not yet been validated by the local authority. It was noted that BCHS is the only School of Sanctuary in the borough. CS informed the group that further details of this can be found on the City of Sanctuary website. CS confirmed that the Refugee Week will take from 14th June – 20th June and the theme is “You’ll Never Walk Alone”. The group agreed that this would be an ideal opportunity for our schools to get involved in Refugee Week.</p> <p>Action: JG to speak to the Leader of the Council regarding the ratification of the Town of Sanctuary process.</p> <p>Action: JG will also speak to JS regarding pursuing the school of sanctuary initiative.</p> <p>Action: AAT to speak to Miriam Rathore at BCHS regarding their experience in becoming a School of Sanctuary.</p> <p>Action: AAT to add this to the agenda for the HT briefing and details of this initiative in the HT bulletin.</p> <p>CS was thanked for her attendance and contribution to the meeting.</p> <p>AAT confirmed that there is now a clear budget for SACRE.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>JG</p> <p>AAT</p> <p>AAT</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Approved as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Matters arising not in the main agenda</p> <p>a. HS to provide a further update re Knife Angel at the next meeting.</p> <p>HS reported that the Educational Outreach project group will be discussing the knife angel project at a sub committee meeting on 23rd April and HS will provide a further update at the SACRE meeting in May. HS in in contact with a number of groups who already engage with schools to demonstrate the work of the Knife Angel.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed that HS would provide AAT an article regarding the Knife Angel to distribute via the bulletin.</p> <p>Action: SV to invite Canon Rowena Pailing to the next SACRE meeting.</p> <p>b. Action: JS/HS and AAT to meet and look at how BwD SACRE can work collaboratively across the Blackburn, Blackpool and Lancashire area to share good practice. This action to be taken forward the next meeting.</p>	<p>HS</p> <p>SV</p>

	<p>c. JE to send contact details of Chris Seddon so that she can be invited to the next meeting to update the group regarding City of Sanctuary. This action has been completed.</p> <p>d. JE to send AAT details of the community bids that he is involved in. Action completed. https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england</p> <p>e. <i>SR to send details of the Northern Rail initiative to SV.</i> Action: SV to email SR to ask for the details regarding the initiative.</p> <p>f. DT asked that going forward the SACRE meetings should be embedded in the official council calendar. AAT, PJ and AAT to meet after this meeting to discuss this. This has been actioned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd March 10:00am • 25th May 10:00am • 6th July 10:00 am • 21st September 10:00am <p>It was also noted that SV is working with colleagues in the IT Dept to look at setting up a SACRE website for the authority. Janet Cooper is also looking at producing a SACRE newsletter.</p>	SV
<p>6.</p>	<p>Membership Actions from 12.2.21</p> <p>a. SV to contact members who have not joined the meeting today to check if they had any difficulty joining the virtual meeting. Action completed.</p> <p>b. Members to email SV with their full contact details, who nominated them, which committee they belong to and which other organisation could they represent. Action completed</p> <p>c. To provide a completed committee sheet for the board to view so that we can see where the gaps are. Action completed</p> <p>d. JG to speak to the leader of the council with regards to filling the fourth LA rep on Committee D. Action completed</p> <p>e. JS/AAT to speak to the unions regarding representation on SACRE.</p> <p>AAT went through the membership and the outstanding vacancies. Action: It was agreed to use the data from the 2011 census and update once the data from the recently held census is received.</p> <p>Co-opting members All members were in agreement of adding Canon Rowena Pailin as a co-opted member to the board.</p> <p>Brief discussion took place regarding the benefits of asking a representative from each SIG to attend the SACRE meetings. It was agreed that this would be very beneficial. Action: AAT to contact SIG leads to ask for representative to sit on the SACRE board.</p>	AAT

	<p>It was agreed that once AAT receives the names of the representatives, these would either sit under Committee C or be formally co-opted by the committee before the next meeting in May.</p> <p>c. Agree procedures for frequent non-attendance Alison I can't remember if this was discussed - I think we got sidetracked?</p>	AAT
7.	<p><u>Terms of reference</u> The draft terms of reference had been shared with the group prior to the meeting. AAT thanked DT and PJ for their contributions.</p> <p>Action: SV to make the necessary amendments to the Terms of Reference to AAT and DT to finalise.</p> <p>Each committee voted and accepted the draft Terms of Reference with the suggested amendments.</p>	SV
8.	<p><u>Determinations paper and Verbal Update</u></p> <p>AAT gave a verbal update regarding her communications with every maintained school in the borough. This was to establish if they had a determination or not and if they have the necessary paperwork.</p> <p>It was noted that the RSC confirmed that none of the academies within the borough have applied for a determination. AAT has contacted all the CEOs of the academies that do not have a faith based MAT/SAT and asked them to complete the relevant form. This should be returned to the authority after Easter.</p> <p>Action: AAT to provide an updated list of maintained schools and academies for the next meeting.</p>	AAT
9.	<p><u>SEF</u></p> <p>The SEF was distributed to the group prior to the meeting and AAT gave an update on each of the points below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standards and quality of provision of religious education 2. Management of the SACRE and partnership with the LA and other key stakeholders 3. The effectiveness of the locally agreed syllabus 4. Collective worship 5. Contribution of the SACRE to the social and racial harmony agenda <p>b. Short Term Action Plan AAT shared the short term action plan and went through the priorities in the plan which included:</p>	

	<p>Key Priority 1: to ascertain levels of compliance in time allocation for RE</p> <p>Key Priority 2: The SACRE work in effective partnership with the LA to monitor and evaluate standards for RE in Blackburn with Darwen Schools</p> <p>Key Priority 3: 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.</p> <p>Key Priority 4: The SACRE has a clear procedure established to ensure an efficient response to request for determination.</p> <p>It was noted that the LA had committed to £15,000 to the SACRE budget. AAT added that there is also some capacity in this year's budget to provide RE bursaries. AAT suggested that this could be linked in with the Refugee week.</p> <p>Action: AAT and JS to look at the SSIF brokering grant to ascertain if there is any additional funding available for the RE bursaries.</p> <p>Action: AAT will provide an update on SACRE at each half termly HT briefing.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed to confirm the key focus for the SACRE board for the coming year at the meeting in May.</p> <p>The board accepted the SEF and the action points identified.</p>	<p>AAT</p> <p>AAT</p> <p>All</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Data report R.E. For information –full data presentation by Victoria Dugdale on 25th May</u></p> <p>Members of the meeting were asked to note that Victoria Dugdale will be attending the SACRE meeting on 25th May. VD will give a full data presentation to members at this meeting.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Action points</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JG to speak to the Leader of the Council regarding the ratification of the Town of Sanctuary process. ▪ JG to speak to JS regarding pursuing the school of sanctuary initiative. ▪ AAT to speak to Miriam Rathore at BCHS regarding their experience in becoming a School of Sanctuary. ▪ AAT to add this to the agenda for the HT briefing and details of this initiative in the HT bulletin. ▪ It was agreed that HS would provide AAT an article regarding the Knife Angel to distribute via the bulletin. ▪ SV to invite Canon Rowena Pailing to the next SACRE meeting. ▪ JS/HS and AAT to meet and look at how BwD SACRE can work collaboratively across the Blackburn, Blackpool and 	

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12.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>Action: AAT to contact DT and HS with a view to arranging a meeting to look at reviewing the RE syllabus.</p>	AAT
13.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>25th May 10:00am via MS Teams</p>	