

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM
FOREST STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)**

AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

**HELD AT WALTHAM FOREST TOWN HALL
ON THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY 2016 AT 5.00PM**

Present:	Ted Cooke	Chair/Member
	Peter Dawe	Member
	Ruth Kaufman	Member
	Tara Khare	Member
	Keith Piling	Member
	Mike Stygal	Member
	Hilda Jackson	Member
	Mari Chivers	Member
	Mohamed Elhossainy	Member
	Richard Sweden	Member
	Paul Braham	Member
	Kastriot Bereri	Member
	Father Neil Walsh	Member
	Ann Bard	Member

Donna Miller	Head of Governor Services
Connie Grant	Clerk

Observers:

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

- 1.1. All members present were welcomed to the meeting and the Chair thanked them for attending.
- 1.2. We noted that the meeting was quorate.
- 1.3. Apologies were received from Cllr. Shameen Highfield, Tarsem Bhogal, Ms. Femi Cole-Njie.
- 1.5. Father Neil Walsh was welcomed and the Group were informed that he had been appointed as the new Church of England Representative by the Diocesan Board to the Sacre Group. Father Neil was very experienced and we noted that he had been a teacher and had been a member of other SACREs.
- 1.6. Mari Chivers was welcomed to the meeting and a proposal was put to members for agreement for Ms. Chivers become a member of the SACRE Group as co-opted member. This was agreed.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 19th November 2015

2.1. The minutes of the agreed syllabus conference was circulated for accuracy and was agreed with the following amendments;

- Femi Cole – there should be no hyphen between Femi and Cole.
- Richard Sweden's surname contained two 'e's and should be one 'e'.
- 2.4. – 4th bullet point arrow – muted to be changed to 'mooted'

3. Update on the agreed Syllabus Publication

3.1. The Chair thanked Ruth for providing a clear understanding of the law resulting from a High Court Judgement in respect of guidance given on GCSE level. It was highlighted that there should be some clear representation with space provided throughout the curriculum for non-faith/humanist views. It was noted that some Local Authorities had already achieved this, including Lewisham and Lambeth. The importance of getting the published syllabus correct was stressed. More work needed to be done around this area and it was suggested that a discussion with counterparts at Lewisham Council around what was included in their syllabus would be helpful. Some thought should also be given as to how the 'humanist' element would fit in the syllabus.

3.2. The Chair proposed that SACRE Group progress this piece of work which should include the production of statutory and non-statutory guidance for teachers to be comfortable with and confident in their approach.

3.3. It was noted that the timetable for embedding modules was not very clear.
Action: It was agreed that the above be undertaken as a project with a view to adding an amendment to the syllabus. In terms of timescale this should take place over the next six months. It was also agreed that authority be delegated to Rosalind Turner to commission the publishing of this unit. SACRE should be prepared for any amendments that surfaced.

Once the draft has been completed it should be circulated to SACRE members to take any comments back to the meeting on the 27th April.

3.4. Preparation of the Launch of Group Syllabus Conference

SACRE Group members agreed the launch date for Thursday 7th July 2016 at 5.00pm to commence at 5.30pm at the William Morris Gallery.

The event should be conducted formally and speaker(s) should be invited. The publicised launch should include that free parking was available at Waltham Forest Town Hall from 5.00pm

SACRE Group members were thanked for their attendance and contribution to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 18:41pm.