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| ***Education Services*** | |
| **Meeting** | SACRE |
| **Venue** | Grimsby Town Hall |
| **Date** | Monday 26 September 2022 at 4.30pm |
| **Present** | Katherine Bruning (Vice Chair) (KB), Shereen Alanker (SA), Pat Barlow (PB), Julia Beckett (JB), Nigel Bishop (NB), Julie Childs (JC), Cllr Sophia Farren (SF), Gillian Georgiou (GG) ()Virtual), Amanda Mellows (AM), Diane Grimshaw (Clerk) |
| **Apologies** |  |

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| ***Agenda Item*** | | ***Attachments/Discussion/Actions*** |
| 1 | Introductions and Welcome | Mrs Bruning opened the meeting and a round of introductions took place. |
| 2 | Apologies | Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Daniel Westcott, Inga Greet and  Wendy Jackson.  RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.  Although not present, Wendy Jackson had provided a brief summary of actions she had taken since the previous meeting which were displayed on screen. |
| 3 | Minutes and any matters arising from previous meeting | The Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and it was agreed that these would be approved at the next meeting.  **Matters Arising:**  Ofsted Reports  GG advised that WJ had circulated copies of the Healing Ofsted Inspection Report.. GG stated that she had email correspondence from the Ofsted National Lead for RE which had provided helpful information. She was due to have a follow up conversation in October and was seeking general advice as to what Ofsted were looking for in RE inspections. The National Lead would be following this up following these conversations specifically, the inspection at Healing Academy.  PB to approach a Jewish representative to seek their interest in joining SACRE  PB advised that she had made an approach to a Jewish representative who was unable to commit to the group. However, he had passed PB’s name on to relatives of the Solomon family and she would progress this. The matter was ongoing and she hoped that it would prove successful.  The Clerk to check that the Annual Report had been submitted to NASACRE  The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Report had been submitted both to NASACRE and to SACRE members.  surv  WJ to organise a date for the conference and to provide feedback.  *In her update, WJ reported that she had tried to make contact with the lead officer for SACRE at North Lincolnshire but have had no response. Could SACRE please agree a date for the annual conference and we can book a suitable venue.*  JC stated that it was doubtful whether NEL would be able to organise an independent conference and North Lincs were very strong with these. GG offered to progress this with Jeanette Taylor with a view to holding a conference towards the middle or end of spring term 2023 to enable any speakers to be booked. If there was insufficient take-up, then a possible link with North Lincs would be the better option.  Feedback on RE provision in schools  The information provided by WJ was noted. |
| 4 | Survey to Schools | GG advised that she had completed the updated survey for schools which had been shared with  Cllr Westcott and WJ but no further action had been taken. This required circulating to all HTs and Chairs. GG offered to re-send the link to the Vice Chair, Clerk and Cllr Westcott. JC stated that it was important that this was issued to all schools and academies and not just Maintained Schools. GG stated that the County Council was funded through the Central School Services Block Funding which largely was for Maintained Schools but it was also about providing a legal RE syllabus which could be used by academies. there was a limited budget, she suggested that the Maintained Schools should be prioritised. Evidence on the ground suggested that it was important for SACRE to audit the provision and impact of RE in Secondary Schools in the region, but there were no Maintained Secondary Schools within the Borough. JC stated that there should be a charge for training to academies. NB stated that if only Primary Schools were reviewed, it would not prove informative. He suggested that academies be invited to provide information on their RE provision. JC stated that some schools only offered RE as an option. GG advised that any audit would take half a day on site with prep time plus the consultant’s time. There was a need to know what specific budget was available for this work.  It was agreed that the matter would be left until the next meeting when WJ would be in attendance.  **Action: The Clerk** |
| 10 | Inspection Reports | GG shared a copy of the analysis of schools which had been subject to a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) during the academic year 2021-22 She stated that in NEL, CE, Methodist or inspections carried out by the Catholic Diocese ensured that the religious character of the school was properly upheld. The report also addressed Ofsted inspections carried out during the academic year 2021-22 No denomination inspections of Catholic schools had taken place in the previous academic year. A Deep Dive in RE addressed the quality of education in the subject but RE can also be referred to with reference to British Values and SMSC, as well as in relation to pupils’ personal development. In the previous academic year, there had been only one SIAMS inspection due to Covid and Lisle Marsden had achieved the top grade which was extremely difficult under the current framework for Church Schools. There had been some excellent comments about RE and Collective Worship about this school. GG suggested that if members wished to see what RE should look like, they should study the inspection report. She added that the RE leader at the school could also be approached to come to talk to members about in . GG stated that she had provided the overall outcome for each school inspected by Ofsted and had also indicated where an RE Deep Dive had taken place. No school had had a Deep Dive in the previous year and it was mainly broad comments about Personal Development and some references to British Values to prepare students for life in modern Britain. The outcome for Healing Science Academy was significant in relation to RE and PSED and how this related to understanding and beliefs. However, there was much more detail for Oasis Academy Immingham. Only one Infant School had been inspected, Scartho Infants School and Nursery, which had been graded RI which suggested that considerable work in this school was necessary to support pupils.  An explanation had been provided on the difference between a Section 5 and a Section 8 inspection.  GG referred to the questions for reflection and stated that many of the reports indicated that there was a lack of clarity in Foundation subjects, which includes RE, in what pupils should know and remember. As a result, pupils were not confident in recalling these subjects. This would be helpful in the questionnaire being sent to schools and academies.  The Clerk was requested to circulate copies and GG stated that she welcomed questions from members for the next meeting.  **Action: The Clerk** |
| 11 | Date of next meeting | It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 28 February 2023 at 4.30pm. JC queried if the meeting had to take place at the Town Hall as parking was very restrictive and at personal cost. AM stated that she could make enquiries regarding the availability of Holy Trinity Parish Hall (next to Corpus Christi Church) on Grimsby Road. (GG added that part of the statutory budget for SACRE was to remunerate reasonable travel expenses for SACRE members). The Clerk added that the SACRE meeting was a Public Meeting and this had to be taken into account. SF also offered to check on the parking situation at the Grimsby Town Hall. |
|  | Any other business | SA advised that there had been an Open Day at the Mosque which had been attended by the Mayor and visited by many people. Positive feedback on the event had been received. There was now a Scouts group and the Mosque was open to visits from other schools. SF stated that she had wished to attend but, unfortunately, could not but would be arranging a visit.  JC stated there was a vibrant Hindu community in Grimsby and Hull and despite efforts, had been unable to make contact with anyone. She asked GG if she was aware of any contacts. GG suggested through the University of Lincoln but any student representation would be limited in terms of time availability. |
|  |  | KB thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting. |

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