

Minutes

HILLINGDON STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

10 November 2016

Meeting held at Committee Room 5 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



	<p>Committee Members Present: Carole Jones (Chairman), Alison Rollin, Gail Butler, Robert Harwood, Amir Ahmed (Syed Amir Ahmed), Naseem Bint Amir, Richard Cawley, Jasvir Singh Rayat, Mary Coulthurst and Melanie Dring MA BA(Hons) PGCE</p> <p>Also Present: Duncan Struthers (Advisor to SACRE)</p> <p>LBH Officers Present: Luke Taylor (Democratic Services Officer) and Venetia Rogers (Education Policy Manager)</p>
	<p>PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING WAS NOT QUORATE AND THEREFORE NO FORMAL DECISIONS WERE MADE</p>
	<p>MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE</p> <p>It was confirmed to that the meeting did not have the attendance to make quorum, and therefore no formal decision could be made. It was agreed that the meeting continue and the comments on each item be reported to the next HSACRE meeting.</p>
39.	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>It was suggested the minutes be agreed at the next meeting.</p>
40.	<p>AGREED SYLLABUS REVIEW (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>Prior to the HSACRE meeting, a sub-committee was set up to look into the possibility of adding Humanism to the HSACRE syllabus. The Humanist Society was asked to come up with a suggestion that would fit with the HSACRE syllabus' key ideas, and the results were included in the agenda. HSACRE thanked the Humanist Society for their work on this.</p> <p>The proposed addition was sent to schools, and responses were gathered on whether schools were in favour or opposed to the addition of Humanism.</p> <p>The Humanist representative also confirmed that a link listed on the syllabus would help schools to plan lessons on Humanism, if required.</p> <p>HSACRE Members confirmed that they have always been inclusive, but questioned whether the addition of Humanism to the syllabus could put an unnecessary burden on</p>

teachers to learn more information. It was stated that by Key Stage 4, all pupils must have been taught one non-religious world view at school, and that adding Humanism to the syllabus would help achieve this, although Members commented that this may be seen as unfair on other non-religious world views.

HSACRE Members stated that it was not their role to tell teachers what they should teach, and that they could only comment on the content that could be taught in school; it was the choice of governing bodies to decide what should be taught in each individual school.

The advisor to HSACRE commented that as many schools had responded to the consultation with their views, it would be helpful to write to those schools to inform them of the responses that were received, once they had been made anonymous, with an update confirming that the potential change to the syllabus would be discussed again at the next meeting.

The meeting, which commenced at 8.14 pm, closed at 9.06 pm.

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Luke Taylor on 01895 250693. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.