

Southwark SACRE Meeting

Tuesday 4 March 2025 – 7.30pm

Present

Authority Representatives

Maggie Browning
Mr Lee Souter (LA)

Christian or Other Religious Representatives

Mr John Bonnici
Trevor Moore
Robert Vertes
Kyoichiro Hosoya

Church of England Representatives

Fiona Foreman
Emily Harris
Megan Whitton

Teacher Association Representatives

Yazad Unwalla
James Lewis (Chair)

In Attendance

Donna Muir – Stand in clerk
Stacey Burman – RE Advisor

1	Welcome and apologies for absence Members were welcomed to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cllr Newens and Mariono Marcigaglia. Apologies were accepted by members.
2	Declarations of interest in the agenda There were no declarations of interest in the agenda.
3	Membership There were two Teacher Association Representative vacancies, one Church of England Representative vacancy and one Christian or Other Religious Representatives vacancy. This was noted by members.
4	Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2024 and Matters arising Minutes of the meeting held on the 12 th of September were circulated. On page three of the minutes, it was noted that the dates read 23/23 and should read June 24. ACTION – Clerk to update error on minutes of 12th September. SB noted that the action previously documented to include SB in the Action Plan had not been completed so should be amended to reflect this. Aside from two small points of accuracy, the minutes were adopted as a true record.
5	Budget

	<p>A request had been made to Richard Hunter for an uplift in budget</p> <p>Thanks were given to the Council for considering an uplift and members recognised the flexibility that this would give SACRE.</p> <p>SACRE was on track to meet budget targets by the end of the financial year.</p> <p>ASC Budget £7400 had been invested in this so far. It was likely that this would increase to £7750</p> <p>The increased funding would give SACRE a budget of £17k for the year.</p> <p>So far the Council had invested almost £6200 just the Adviser work. As discussed in ASC, the maximum budget for all new materials and resources from EYFS to KS5 was £7500. The rest would be for logistics, the launch and training.</p> <p>There was not yet clarity on the summer learning materials as well as KS3, but this could be accommodated in the current budget of £10k.</p> <p>It was recognised that there remained unresolved challenges with regards to finance and that this meeting was not a forum that to resolve those matters. These should be directed to the Council.</p> <p>Question – Is a budget report available on GovernorHub? Answer (LS) – It is a verbal report today, but a budget report can be shared at the next meeting if that is helpful.</p> <p>ACTION – LS to share up to date budget paper for next meeting.</p>
6	<p>Draft Action Plan & Deliverables Prior to the meeting a draft action plan was uploaded to GH. The main driver was to align the budget to the action plan.</p> <p>The action plan had been updated from last academic year and LS gave an overview of the this with detail on each objective.</p> <p>It was recognised that the document was ‘live’ and likely that additional items would be included due to the uplift in budget.</p> <p>Question – Is it possible to have budget allocated to each objective to support tracking? Answer (LS) – Yes, that can be shared.</p> <p>Members discussed the NASACRE membership and whether all could access. It was noted that all members had access, and passwords could be set/reset here by contacting NASACRE.</p> <p>ACTION – Updated draft action plan to be shared with finance figures.</p> <p>Training had been offered by the vice chair to support CPD around ASC roles and responsibilities. This would be shared via the clerk.</p> <p>ACTION – Janet to liaise with vice chair to agree CPD for ASC</p> <p>Members discussed whether self evaluation could be included as an action on the plan and a standing agenda item. It was agreed to add to the next agenda for discussion with EH leading in the first instance. Members could then discuss how to suitably monitor and evaluate.</p> <p>ACTION - JC to collate (and chase) all self-evaluation feedback and share in GH for wider member's view. This to then be added to next SACRE agenda as discussion</p>

	<p>point (Emily to lead)</p> <p>Members discussed the interaction with schools and whether the RE advisor could report back to members on the training and CPD provided.</p> <p>ACTION – JC to add CPD provided by RE advisor to next agenda.</p> <p>Members discussed if there were enough teachers on SACRE. The constitution had been changed to reflect the greater need for an increase in teacher numbers and there were currently two vacancies under 'Teacher Association Representatives'. It was agreed that active recruitment should take place to fill these.</p> <p>The draft action plan was approved subject to recommendations made.</p>
7	<p>Draft Annual Report 23/24</p> <p>There was currently some missing information in the draft annual report relating to KS3, 4 and 5 data. This was forthcoming.</p> <p>An overview of the report was shared.</p> <p>Members discussed some specifics of the report with the following actions agreed:</p> <p>ACTION – Attendance and categories in draft annual report to be cross checked with GH - JC</p> <p>ACTION - RE advisor to be removed as a contributor to the report.</p> <p>The annual report was adopted subject to the agreed reviews.</p>
8	<p>ASC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed Syllabus <p>In principle, ASC recommend to SACRE that the Updated Newham Model (2022) agreed syllabus (plus any evolution) would form the basis of the new Southwark model. ASC would also recommend that materials commissioned so far in the borough were retained to serve as a potential pedagogical model in support of the statutory framework adopted by the Council. The Primary focus would be the agreed syllabus.</p> <p>Following the recommendation from ASC, the following questions were raised:</p> <p>Question (SB)– if you are using the Newham model, why do you still need the tested materials?</p> <p>Answer (JL) – We are requesting that all materials be shared.</p> <p>Question (SB)– Why do you need the materials if you are going with the Newham syllabus and curriculum materials?</p> <p>Answer (JL) - We have requested that these items be shared and may use some of the materials as learning aides.</p> <p>SB was asked to leave the meeting for a discussion.</p> <p>Question – What is the legal position of the request?</p> <p>Answer (JL)– Legal are involved in this process.</p> <p>Question – Is it a consultancy basis and can the group sever the relationship?</p> <p>Answer (JL) – We would need to take a view on that.</p> <p>Members discussed the current challenges and most productive ways forward. It was noted that most members had not seen all materials although some teaching representatives had received them in their capacity as teachers.</p> <p>SB returned to the meeting.</p>

	<p>Members discussed the need to receive all documentation that had been produced. SB upheld that everything had previously been shared whilst LS advised members that it had not been received by the commissioner – the Council, but some information had been shared indirectly through schools.</p> <p>Members asked if the summer teaching and learning materials had been produced and SB advised that they would not be created if SACRE chose to adopt a different syllabus and teaching and learning materials.</p> <p>Members discussed the challenge around duplication of work and the appropriate spending of public money. It was recognised that the challenges presented did not promote financial efficacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps <p>Members discussed next steps, noting the urgency.</p> <p>SB was requested to send/re-send all materials that had been produced by the 7th of March, including any drafts.</p> <p>RE matters would be engaged to support exploring next steps with more detail being provided on all options presented.</p> <p>ACTION - Options paper detailing alternative syllabus and curriculum materials to be re-circulated with cost benefit analysis</p> <p>Next meeting dates</p> <p>27th March – 6pm SB to attend online.</p>
9	<p>Southwark Collaboration and Pilot – Curriculum and Teaching and Learning Resources for Autumn, Spring and Summer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update and Completion <p>This had been discussed in the previous agenda point.</p>
10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>
11	<p>Meeting Close</p>

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