

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**SACRE COMMITTEE**  
**7 JUNE 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of the SACRE Committee of Flintshire County Council held virtually on the 7 June 2023

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Elected Members:** Cllr A Parkhurst (AP); Cllr Paul Cunningham (PC); Cllr Debbie Owen (DO); Cllr Roz Mansell (RM); Cllr Mared Eastwood (ME)

**Church in Wales Representatives (St Asaph Diocese):**  
Jennie Downes (JD)

**Presbyterian Church of Wales representatives:**  
Rev Huw Powell Davies (HD); Ann Smith (AS)

**Roman Catholic Representative:**  
John Morgan, Headteacher St. Anthony's RC Primary school

**Secondary Headteachers representative:**  
Catherine McCormack (CM), Headteacher St Richard Gwyn RC High School, Flint

**Primary school representative:**  
Amira Mattar (Westwood CP School)

**Secondary schools' representative:**  
Lyn Oakes, Alun High School

**Education Representatives:**  
Vicky Barlow (VB), Senior Manager School Improvement.

**Also, in attendance,**  
Kim Brookes (KB), Senior Manager, Education & Youth (Clerk);  
Karen Jones, Democratic Services Clerk;  
Maureen Potter, Democratic Services Clerk - MP confirmed meeting being recorded.

KB welcomed colleagues to the meeting. Welcome also to Cllr Mared Eastwood who has replaced Cllr Ian Roberts as Executive Member for Education and to Ann Smith, representative Presbyterian Church in Wales. It was confirmed that the numbers present meant the meeting was quorate. KB advised that as apologies had been received from Chair and Vice Chair also not in attendance, the members were asked to elect a Chair for the meeting. PC nominated and JM accepted as Chair for the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Dave Mackie; Jane Borthwick, Senior Learning Adviser; Anna Stephens, St John the Baptist VA School; Claire Homard, Chief Officer.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT

None declared.

## 3. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD 8 FEBRUARY 2023

Matters arising:

VB confirmed Chief Officer had written to thank schools on behalf of the Committee. VB confirmed date for new committee members workshop on the 4 July 2023.

**Agreed:** minutes accepted as a true record.

## 4. WASACRE MEETING HELD ON 21ST MARCH 2023 - To receive a verbal update

VB referred to the draft minutes of the meeting and highlighted

- Update content of annual report to be more engaging
- Playlist of professional learning resources available on Hwb
- Review of KS4 qualifications and where RVE will sit in the reform
- Date of next WASCRE meeting 19 June, held virtually. Four places available. Members to advise VB asap if they would like to attend

**Action:** VB to send copy of minutes and details of the reform to the group

## 5. DEVELOPING RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS (RVE) (PRIMARY) IN THE NEW CURRICULUM FOR WALES

AM provided presentation on how practice was being developed within her school. Cllr PC welcomed the development of commentary and attitudes to all faiths and beliefs. VB also advised the meeting of the network of RVE Coordinators in primary schools supported by Jane Borthwick in sharing practice and resources. Chair thanked MA for her presentation.

## 6. ANALYSIS OF ESTYN INSPECTION REPORTS

VB referred to the detailed report attached. She explained how the new Estyn Inspection Framework seeks examples of RVE and this shows a positive commitment by schools and their greater confidence in their work in RVE. VB pleased to celebrate the work demonstrated in our schools. Cllr PC welcomed the examples provided. JD also recognised the vision and ethos demonstrated within the reports and thanked VB.

**Action:** VB to write to schools and acknowledge their work on behalf of the Committee

7. **COLLABORATIVE RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS (RVE) PLANNING BY FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM HEADS OF RE FORUM**

LO provided presentation on how practice was being developed collaboratively.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

VB informed the meeting of letter received from WASACRE asking for support from authorities for their working group on the development and implementation of the agreed syllabus. Committee welcomed the approach.

**Action:** VB to circulate the letter and recommended participation from Flintshire

WASACRE Spring Meeting: meeting was informed that 4 representatives from each authority may attend the Spring Conference online, details to follow

VB also pleased to provide a nomination had been received from the Presbyterian Church for a second nominee

**FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME:**

Meeting agreed to proposals from VB to receive two presentations at future meetings:

Amira Mater on her work in implementing the new Curriculum at Westwood schools and Lyn Oakes on how heads of RE in secondary sector are preparing for the new curriculum.

In response to Cllr DO as a new member of the Committee, agreed that VB organise a workshop for new /all members.

**Action:** VB to send Cllr DO copy of the WASCRE guide.

9. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Date of next meeting, 5 October 2023

**Action:** JD to consider possibility of hosting future meeting at a Church in Wales school

Meeting ended 16.58pm