

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
SACRE COMMITTEE
5 JUNE 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the SACRE Committee of Flintshire County Council held virtually on the 5 June 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

Elected Members: Cllr A Parkhurst (AP); Cllr Mared Eastwood (ME); Cllr Marion Bateman (MB); Cllr Dave Mackie (DM)

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

Church in Wales Representatives (St Asaph Diocese); Jennie Downes (Diocesan Office); Marina Parsons (Headteacher Trelawnyd)

Primary schools' representative: Amira Mattar (Westwood CP School)

Special School representative: Julian Lewis, Ysgol Pen Coch

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

Also, in attendance, Kim Brookes (KB), Senior Manager, Education & Youth (Clerk); Jan Kelly, Sharon Thomas Democratic Services Clerks

ST confirmed meeting being recorded.

Clerk welcomed colleagues to the meeting. It was confirmed that the numbers present meant the meeting was not quorate unless/until Chair, Cllr DM who has apologised, will arrive late. The Vice Chair MP chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence noted

Cllr Paul Cunningham; Cllr Roz Mansell; Anna Stephens; Claire Homard; John Morgan; Robert Hughes

2. Declarations of interest – Code of Local Government Conduct

None declared but noting those Elected members who are school governors.

3. Minutes of meetings held 7 February 2024

Agreed: minutes accepted as a true record. No matters arising.

4. ANALYSIS OF INSPECTION REPORTS

VB referred to the report circulated with the agenda and the Estyn findings in the reports for six schools published this term, some of whom had been inspected under the pilot arrangements for the new Inspection Framework. She was pleased to note again that no schools had received recommendations around RVE with reports identifying strong comments around wellbeing and ethics.

VB highlighted particularly the report at 3.2 identifying that *teachers provide worthwhile opportunities for pupils to develop an awareness of their locality, Wales and Welsh culture and 'cynefin'*.

At 4.3 of the report, VB pleased to note the work of Ysgol Bryn Gwalia for example, where pupils gain a strong sense of belonging through their work on 'The Seven Wonders of Mold.'
Action: Agreed that VB update future SACRE/SAC meeting on the new inspection framework on aspects for RVE and collective worship.

Cllr ME thanked Officers and GwE for their work in supporting schools and for the work done by schools.

Committee noted that the Authority formally writes to schools to thank them and to explain the sharing of good practice with this Committee. The Committee accepted the report.

5. FEEDBACK FROM WASACRE MEETING 5TH MARCH

VB confirmed draft minutes previously circulated to the group. Noting the review by WASACRE of the content of the Annual Report; further development work on professional learning resources with a playlist on Hwb and eventually a program for governors on RVE.

JD is involved in the national resources working group on behalf of the Diocese and provides a great opportunity for Flintshire schools to feed into the production of national resources.

JD pleased to report that there is strong support within WASACRE from Flintshire with support also from AM and that MP is presenting at the meeting when it is held In Wrexham.

Cllr ME proposed that consideration could be given to co-opt to support specific projects/committee interests, and that it could be a two year appointment with no voting rights. **Agreed:** consideration of co-opted members on these terms.

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

To receive a verbal update on the draft terms of reference from Kim Brookes, Clerk to the Committee (Senior Manager Business Support and School Governance, Education and Youth Portfolio).

Clerk advised that under the regulations, each new Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) will require a Constitution and Terms of Reference to be agreed and in place from September 2026. Currently, we have a 'shadow' SAC that co-exists with the same constitution and terms of reference as the existing SACRE. Both bodies will be in place until the end of the 2025/26 academic year, after which, SACRE will dissolve, and SAC will continue.

Clerk referred to the draft terms of reference for the new SAC circulated with the agenda and invited comments back by end of term. It was noted that the proposed changes were in relation to Committee A. No changes were proposed in relation to the working arrangements of the Panel.

In response to question from HD it was noted that some representative groups had not attended for some time. **Action:** VB to write to those representative bodies and clarify if they still wished to be represented.

Cllr AP asked that consideration be given to what demographics may be advised to the Panel by national census data. VB advised that to date no approaches have been made to the SACRE from any other representative bodies.

Action: Final draft following any changes from consultation to be agreed at Autumn term meeting.

Cllr DM joined the meeting.

The following item is considered to be exempt by virtue of Paragraph(s) 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). The public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information- to consider the exclusion of the press and public.

Chair asked for proposer to move the exemption. Proposed by Cllr ME, seconded by HD.

MT confirmed meeting stopped recording.

VB shared details of applicant for position of co-opted member. **Agreed:** to co-opt Danielle McDonald as a co-opted member to the Panel on the terms previously agreed for the appointment of co-opted members.

7. CO-OPTED MEMBER NOMINATION

VB

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None received

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings will be held at 4pm on the following dates:

Thursday 21 November 2024

Wednesday 5 February 2025

Wednesday 4 June 2025

Chair thanked Committee members and Officers for their attendance. Meeting ended 16.45pm

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