

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: **THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF SACRE**

SUBJECT: **INFORMAL SACRE – 9TH NOVEMBER, 2022**

REPORT OF: **DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER**

PRESENT: **Executive Member – People & Education**
Councillor S. Edmunds

WITH: Michelle Jones
 Hayley Jones, EAS
 Chris Abbas
 C. Knowlson
 John Meredith
 Tim Baxter

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
	<p><u>INQUORATE MEETING</u></p> <p>Due to the number of apologies received, the Chair felt it would be worthwhile to proceed with the meeting on an informal basis in order for officer's present to provide an update on SACRE matters.</p>	
No. 1	<p><u>WELCOME & APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and the following apologies for absence were reported:-</p> <p>Councillor T. Smith Luisa Munro-Morris Kathy Riddick Claire Lane</p>	
No. 2	<p><u>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</u></p>	

	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 15th July, 2022 were accepted.</p>	
No. 3	<p><u>STANDING ADVISORY CONFERENCE</u></p> <p>MJ confirmed that the agreed syllabus had been forwarded to Cabinet Members, and would also be shared with Schools and WG.</p> <p>The agreed syllabus was accepted.</p>	
No. 4	<p><u>ANNUAL REPORT</u></p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding holding SACRE meetings in schools.</p> <p>CK Offered to host a meeting of SACRE at St. Mary's CIW Primary.</p> <p>MJ To consider arranging schools visits for SACRE Members (outside of the formal meeting).</p> <p>MJ Information on Holocaust Memorial Day to form part of school bulletin (University of Wales link)</p> <p>HJ Look at training for SACRE Members.</p>	
No. 5	<p><u>CONSTITUTION UPDATE</u></p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding the proposed reduction of number of members to 9, with 5 places for Teacher Associations and 3 for LA.</p> <p>HJ Said there was a need to focus on Teacher representation to ensure that future meetings were quorate.</p> <p>MJ explained that any proposed changes would have to be considered by the Constitution Working Group, and the next meeting was early next year.</p> <p>It was suggested that future meetings be held at 2pm to make it easier to teacher reps to attend.</p>	

No. 6	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP UPDATE</u></p> <p>This was covered in the previous item and would be looked at moving forward.</p>	
No. 7	<p><u>EAS RVE PARTNER UPDATE</u></p> <p>HJ Provided an update.</p> <p>A discussion ensued regarding Estyn Inspections of RE provision in schools.</p>	
No. 8	<p><u>WASACRE BUSINESS</u></p> <p>It was agreed that this be noted.</p>	
No. 9	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>6th March, 2023 - time to be considered in light of discussion around teacher attendance.</p>	
No. 10	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	