



Present: -

Lincolnshire Council of Churches (Group A)

Mrs C Dring (Baptist Church)
Mrs L Gaylard (Ground Level Network)
Mr A Hornsby (Methodist Church)
Reverend E McDonald (United Reform Church)
Mr F Sperring (Society of Friends)
Mrs S Sreenivasan (Hindu Community)

The Church of England (Group B)

Mr D Clements

The Teachers Panel (Group C):

Mrs J Austin (National Association of Head Teachers)

Lincolnshire County Council (Group D)

Councillors Mrs C M H Farquharson and Mrs C A Talbot

Officers/Advisers

Ms W Harrison – Religious Education Adviser
Mr P Thompson – Adviser from the Diocese of Lincoln
Mr G Watts – Democratic Services Officer, Lincolnshire County Council

1. PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Mrs C Dring.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Standing Advisory Council due to the fact that the meeting was inquorate.

It was agreed that the meeting should proceed on an informal basis and that the previous Chairman, Councillor Mrs C A Talbot, would facilitate proceedings until a Chairman was formally elected at the next meeting.

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COUNCILLOR MRS C A TALBOT IN THE CHAIR

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Standing Advisory Council due to the fact that the meeting was inquorate.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Ahmed MBE (Islamic Association of Lincoln), Mr N McFarlane (Salvation Army), Councillor P A Robinson (Lincolnshire County Council), Miss C E Turner (Teachers Panel – Primary Schools), Professor B Winston (Lincolnshire Jewish Community), Mrs C A Williamson (Teachers Panel – Secondary Schools) and Ms C Wright (Church of England).

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2011

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 March 2011 would be considered as a correct record at the next meeting, due to the fact that this meeting was inquorate.

6. INFORMAL NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2011

The informal notes of the previous meeting held on 21 June 2011 would be considered for endorsement at the next meeting, due to the fact that this meeting was inquorate.

7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

There were no announcements by the Chairman or items of correspondence to report.

8. SUMMARY OF OFSTED INSPECTIONS OF LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS WITH REFERENCE TO PUPILS' SPIRITUAL, MORAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE SCHOOL'S PROVISION FOR COMMUNITY COHESION

A report by Lincolnshire's Religious Education Adviser was considered, which summarised the positive features and areas for development in those schools inspected by Ofsted since the last report presented to the Standing Advisory Council in June 2011.

A table outlining schools that had undergone Ofsted inspections between 25 March 2011 and 5 October 2011 and their respective gradings for overall effectiveness, community cohesion and spiritual, moral, social and cultural development was included as part of the report. It was emphasised that this report was shorter than usual due to the Religious Education Adviser having to reduce her working hours and concentrate on other priorities for the Standing Advisory Council.

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A new Ofsted framework was scheduled to be introduced next year. This framework would not include community cohesion or a grade for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, which meant that although these aspects should be identified through inspections they would be much more difficult to monitor. The new framework would be reported at a future meeting of the Lincolnshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education in due course, when the details of the new framework were known.

9. **SUMMARY OF MONITORING VISITS TO LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS FOLLOWING OFSTED INSPECTIONS, WITH REFERENCE TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND ACTS OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

The county's Religious Education Adviser introduced this item and informed the Standing Advisory Council that no monitoring visits had taken place since the previous meeting. This was due to the fact that the Religious Education Adviser had to reduce her working hours and concentrate on other priorities for the Standing Advisory Council.

10. **SUMMARY OF SECTION 48 INSPECTIONS IN LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS**

A report of the Diocesan Acting Director of Education was considered, which summarised the overall distinctiveness and effectiveness of Church Schools where a Section 48 inspection had been carried out since September 2009 and their respective OFSTED inspection grades.

It was reported that the National Society for the conduct of Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools, under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005, had incorporated changes in structure and emphasis that reflected current educational practice in schools and broader developments in school inspections. The framework for Section 48 inspections provided a process for evaluating the extent to which church schools were distinctively and recognisably Christian institutions.

A table was included as part of the report, which outlined the grades of those schools that had undertaken Section 48 inspections since the last meeting. In addition, the report contained comparisons between Section 48 Reports, the National Society and Ofsted Inspections that had also been undertaken for Church Schools.

11. **UPDATE ON THE DIOCESE DIRECTOR POST**

It was reported that an advertisement was published two weeks ago regarding the vacant post of Diocesan Director of Education. A selection panel would be held this afternoon to draw up a final shortlist and interviews were scheduled to be carried out on Monday 21 November 2011.

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12. LINCOLNSHIRE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ACTION PLAN

The Standing Advisory Council considered its action plan for 2010/2011, the objective of which was to increase the body's effectiveness. Appended to the report were copies of the current action plan and the archived version of the plan, which were noted.

13. REVIEW OF THE AGREED SYLLABUS – UPDATE

A report by the county's Religious Education Adviser was considered, which provided the Standing Advisory Council with an opportunity to discuss the draft version of Section A of the Agreed Syllabus.

Standing Advisory Councils were required to institute a review of the locally agreed syllabus within five years of the last review. Lincolnshire's last review was carried out in 2006 and the current review was therefore being undertaken with assistance from the Agreed Syllabus Conference and a teacher working party.

The draft version of Section A to the Agreed Syllabus was appended to the report and it was noted that the whole syllabus was on target for completion by the spring term.

14. SACRE CONFERENCE

It was reported that the Lincolnshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Conference originally scheduled to be held on 10 November 2011 had been postponed due to a lack of attendees. In order to breakeven, which was always the target in order for the event to be held, 60 – 65 people would be required to purchase tickets and attend which unfortunately was not achieved on this occasion.

A new provisional date for the conference was noted as 12 March 2012. During discussion it was suggested that this could be used to launch the new Agreed Syllabus, which in itself could attract people to attend the conference.

15. DIOCESE OF LINCOLN REPORT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A report by the Diocesan Acting Director of Education was considered, which provided the Standing Advisory Council with an update on a number initiatives and events that had taken place during the summer term and early autumn term of 2011.

Information on the following initiatives and events was included within the report: -

- Religious Education courses and training events and forthcoming events;
- the autumn edition of Religious Education News;
- Infant Church Schools Festival 2011;
- Special Schools Festival 2011;
- 'Leading Teachers' in Religious Education;

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- Godly Play;
- the English Baccalaureate;
- Association of Religious Education Advisers, Inspectors and Consultants;
- Religious Education cluster meetings.

The report was noted.

The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.