Minutes of a Meeting of the STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN CEREDIGION held via conferencing on Friday, 18 June 2021

PRESENT:

Representing Ceredigion County Council: Councillors Keith Evans and Lynford Thomas

Representing Teacher Association: Miss Joyce Howells (NASUWT) (Chair)

Religious Denominations: Prof Densil Morgan, Baptist Union of Wales, Rev Aled Jones, The Union of Welsh Independents, Prof John Tudno Williams, The Presbyterian Church of Wales

Co-opted Members: Prof Catrin Williams

Representing Primary Sector: Mr Eirwyn Griffiths

Also in attendance: Mrs Mary Davies, Corporate Manager – School Improvement School Services, Ms Nia Jones, Corporate Manager – Democratic Services and Mrs Dana Jones, Democratic Services and Standards Officer

(1:15pm-2:25pm)

1. Prayers

The Meeting commenced with Prof John Tudno Williams leading the Committee in prayer.

In the absence of the Chairman, the commencement of the meeting was chaired by Prof John Tudno Williams.

The Chair conveyed the committees' sympathy to Professor Catrin Williams on the passing of her father recently.

2. Apologies

Councillor Lyndon Lloyd MBE, Rev Mark Ansell and Rev Wyn Thomas apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 February 2021 and to consider any matters arising from those Minutes

It was AGREED to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Advisory Council held on 12 February 2021.

4. Matters Arising

Minute 6 (b) Membership of the Committee- The Chairman welcomed Anna Uruska as the Catholic representative to her first meeting. Rev Wyn Thomas had also accepted the invitation to join the committee, however, he was unable to attend this meeting and the clerk apologised that he had received the agenda late.

5. To consider the following matters:

Welsh Government consultation on the Religion, Values and Ethics Guidance Consideration was given to the consultation document upon the Religion, Values and Ethics Guidance. Following comments from Members, it was agreed that the Corporate Manager – School Improvement School Services would collate the comments and circulate to Members of consideration prior to submission to Welsh Government and attached as Appendix 1.



Following comments submitted to the Corporate Manager – School Improvement School Services by Members, the response sent to Welsh Government was amended accordingly and attached as Appendix 2.



6. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting be arranged during the autumn term.

7. Any Other Business

None.