

NOTICE OF MEETING

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2016 AT 4.30 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM A - CIVIC OFFICES

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Membership

Group A - Christian denominations and other religions and their denominations reflecting the principal religious traditions of the area

Group B - Representatives of the Church of England

Group C - Teacher representatives

Group D - Representatives of the Local Authority

(Full Membership is located on Portsmouth City Council's website)

(NB This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the minutes of this meeting.)

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AGENDA

1 Election of Chair followed by Welcome and Introductions

To elect the Chair for this meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference, to be followed by welcome and introductions.

Note: The membership of the Agreed Syllabus Conference, is the same as the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education, it is however a separate statutory body.

2 Apologies for Absence

To receive and note any apologies for absence.

3 Declaration of Members' Interest

Members are asked to identify any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on any matters on the agenda.

Note: Should any indication of an interest arise during the meeting, members are asked to declare at that time, as soon as is practicable.

4 Minutes of the Previous meetings held on 17 November 2010 and 17 June 2015 (Pages 1 - 6)

Recommended that the minutes of the previous meetings of the Agreed Syllabus Conferences held on 17 November 2010 and 17 June 2015 are agreed as a correct record.

5 Presentation of the Revised Living Difference III

The draft revised syllabus is to follow.

Patricia Hannam from HIAS (Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service) shall present the "Revised Living Difference III".

Recommended that

- (1) the presentation be noted and;**
- (2) Patricia Hannam be thanked**

6 Deputations from the public

To receive any deputations from the public.

7 Revise Syllabus (Living Difference III) - discussion and group votes

Each of the four groups of the Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) discuss within their own groups their joint vote on the revised syllabus.

Each group is entitled to 1 vote and according to non-statutory guidance, in order for the revised syllabus to be approved, all four groups must vote in favour.

Note: If the vote is not unanimous, the ASC must go back to the drawing board and seek to arrive at a proposal which is acceptable to all four groups. If the situation remains unresolved, then the Secretary of State ultimately has the power to impose a syllabus on the authority.

Recommended that

- (1) the revised syllabus "Living Difference III" be approved and;**
- (2) the Local Authority be asked to adopt the new agreed syllabus for Religious Education for Portsmouth and;**
- (3) the Portsmouth's Agreed Syllabus Conference thank Patricia Hannam and all those involved in the writing and review process**