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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)**

**WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018 AT 4.30 PM**

**THE EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM, FLOOR 3 OF THE GUILDHALL,  
PORTSMOUTH**

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## **Membership**

Councillor Ryan Brent (Chair)

Councillor Suzy Horton (Vice-Chair)

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)

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

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## **AGENDA**

### **1 Welcome and Introductions**

To welcome new members and introduce other members of the Council.

### **2 Moment for Quiet Reflection**

Sarah Coote is invited to lead on the moment for quiet reflection.

### **3 Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**4 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.

**5 Minutes of the Previous meetings - 21 February 2018 (and 8 November 2017) (Pages 5 - 10)**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of SACRE held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 are attached, to be agreed as a correct record.

Members attending the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> February approved the actions within the minutes of 8 November 2017, but it was asked that these be brought back to this meeting to allow all members of SACRE to raise any matters arising.

**RECOMMENDED the minutes of the special meeting held 21 February 2018 be approved as a correct record and the minutes of 8 November be noted and agreed as a correct record.**

**6 Matters Arising from the minutes of 8 November 2017 and 21 February 2018**

Members are invited to raise any matters from both sets of minutes that are not otherwise identified on the agenda.

**7 Brief updates or notification of items to be brought to a future meeting**

To receive any updates from Members of SACRE.

Note: Items requiring decision will need to be brought to a future meeting.

**8 Monitoring Group Report (Pages 11 - 18)**

The purpose of the report by the Professional Adviser is to inform SACRE of the findings and discussions that took place during the meeting of the SACRE monitoring sub-group on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. The group is working to support SACRE in fulfilling its duty to ensure the effectiveness of RE through the implementation of the Agreed Syllabus.

The group received an update regarding primary Ofsted reports mentioning RE or SMSC or preparing children and young people for life in modern Britain,

findings of 9 visits to Portsmouth Primary schools as well as analysis of Portsmouth 2017 GCSE Religious Studies data.

**Recommended: That SACRE receive the report and in addition:**

- (i) **SACRE's professional adviser writes to school leaders, including in Academy Trusts, where there is concern about their primary RE**
- (ii) **SACRE congratulates Portsmouth Schools that have achieved well in RS GCSE in 2017.**
- (iii) **SACRE's professional adviser writes to all Portsmouth secondary head teachers to make enquiries as to what is happening for all students at KS4 in current years 10 and 11. Where there is evidence that GCSE has not been sat by all or most students they should be reminded that if students are not studying for RS GCSE that Agreed Syllabus is available and should be followed at KS4 to ensure the right approach to religious education at this stage of a young person's school career and to ensure an appropriate level of challenge.**

## **9 South Central HUB (Pages 19 - 22)**

The purpose of the report by the Professional Adviser is to inform and update SACRE of the activities of the South Central SACRE RE Hub. The Hub last met on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The summer meeting will be on 12 June 2018.

**RECOMMENDED: That SACRE receive the report and appoint members to represent Portsmouth SACRE at South Central SACRE RE Hub Meetings.**

## **10 Date and venue of the next meeting**

To agree the dates of meetings in the next academic year to be at 4.30pm:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

SACRE members are asked to suggest or volunteer a venue for the next meeting, returning to the previously established of hosting at least one meeting a year at a faith venue, a school and the Civic Offices.

**Recommended that the date and venue of the next meeting be noted.**

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