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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 2020 AT 4.30 PM**

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

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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)

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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 Election of Chair followed by Welcome and Introductions**

To elect a Chair for this meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference.

This will be followed by welcome and introductions.

Note: Whilst the membership of the Agreed Syllabus Conference is the same as for Portsmouth Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education, this is a separate statutory body.

### **2 Apologies for Absence**

To receive and note any apologies for absence.

### 3 Declaration of Members' Interests

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 meeting held on - 6 October 2016 (Pages 5 - 6)

**RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the previous Agreed Syllabus Conference held on 6 October 2016 be agreed as a correct record.**

### 5 Deputations from the public

To receive any deputations from the public if requests have been received.

### 6 Revision of the Portsmouth Agreed Syllabus: Living Difference III

Every five years each Local Authority is required to review its agreed syllabus for religious education.

This item will be presented by Patricia Hannam, Professional Adviser to SACRE.

Members will have received separately correspondence from Somerset County Council regarding the new Somerset Religious Education Syllabus, which is available to view at <https://www.amvsomerset.org.uk/>

The previously approved, Living Difference III syllabus (jointly with Hampshire Southampton and the Isle of Wight in December 2016) can be viewed here: <https://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/documents/s13508/06.1%20Living%20Difference%20III%20-%20December%202016%20-%20web%20final.pdf>

**RECOMMENDED that the Agreed Syllabus Conference agrees to review Living Difference III together with Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight with whom Portsmouth shares an agreed syllabus.**

**Note:** This is subject to a formal vote the protocol for this is:

- 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.
- If the vote is not unanimous, the ASC must 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.

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# Agenda Item 4

## **PORTSMOUTH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Thursday 6 October 2016 at 4.30pm in  
Conference Room A, Civic Offices, Portsmouth

### **Present**

#### **Christian denominations and other religions and their denominations reflecting the principal religious traditions of the area (Group A Representatives)**

Elizabeth Jenkerson, Baha'i Faith (In the Chair)  
Peter Davies, The Fellowship of Independent  
Evangelical Churches  
Marilyn Leggett, The Salvation Army  
Geoff Wheeler, Baptist Union

#### **Representatives of the Church of England (Group B Representatives)**

Rev. Jane Ball, Anglican Diocese  
Brian Hay, Anglican Diocese  
Abigail Eales, Anglican Diocese

#### **Teachers representing the various key stages and an association recognised by the Authority for the purposes of consultation and negotiation (Group C Representatives)**

Beverley Millsom, Special School Representative  
Eleanor Assinder, Secondary Teacher Representative  
Sarah Sadler, Primary School Representative  
Sandra Gibb, Primary School Representative

#### **Representatives of the Authority, at least two of whom shall be elected members of the Authority (Group D Representatives)**

Councillor Ryan Brent  
Councillor Suzy Horton  
Councillor David Tompkins

#### **Also in Attendance**

Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director for Education  
Stephen Horsman, Professional Adviser, PCC  
Patricia Hannam, Hampshire Inspection and Advisory  
Service (HIAS)  
Captain Teresa Everett (The Salvation Army)  
Sarah Coote (Quaker, Religious Society of Friends)  
Peter Smith-Parkyn, Clerk, Democratic Services, PCC

**1. Election of Chair followed by Welcome and Introductions**

Elizabeth Jenkerson was elected to chair this meeting.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Honorary Alderman Tom Blair; Councillor Neill Young, Reverend Alice Wood, Ruth Guyer, Siôn Reynolds and Renuka Vyas

**3. Declaration of Members' Interest**

Elizabeth Jenkerson declared a non-prejudicial interest in that she is on the selection board for Westhill grants.

**4. Minutes of the Previous meetings held on 17 November 2010 and 17 June 2015**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 17 November 2010 and 17 June 2015 be approved as correct records.**

**5. Presentation of the Revised Living Difference III**

A detailed presentation was given by Patricia Hannam from Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service, of the "Revised Living Difference III".

The presentation was noted and Patricia was thanked for her presentation.

**6. Deputations from the public**

There were no deputations.

**7. Revised Syllabus (Living Difference III) - discussion and group votes**

Following discussion in the four individual groups of the SACRE, with consent by each group it was:

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

**(1) that the ASC agreed the revision of the new syllabus, entitled "Living Difference III" be approved;**

**(2) and the syllabus will be put for consideration by the Cabinet member for Education at Portsmouth City Council for formal ratification and endorsement**

**(3) and the Portsmouth's Agreed Syllabus Conference thank Patricia Hannam and all those involved in the writing and review process**

The meeting concluded at 5.25pm

Chair