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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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

**WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 3.30 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - SECOND FLOOR, PORTSMOUTH GUILDHALL**

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- If symptomatic you must not attend and self-isolate following the stay at home guidance issued by Public Health England.
- All attendees are required to wear a face covering while moving around within the Guildhall (requirement of the venue)
- Although it will no longer be a requirement attendees may choose to keep a social distance and take opportunities to prevent the spread of infection
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- Attendees are encouraged book in to the venue (QR code). An NHS test and trace log will be retained and maintained for 21 days for those that cannot or have not downloaded the app.

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## **Membership**

Reverend Sam Duddles (Chair)

Councillor Tom Coles  
Maria Cole  
Taki Jaffer  
Councillor Ryan Brent  
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Jaswant Singh-Digpal  
Barbara Spiegelhalter  
Geoff Wade  
Sue Bowen  
Jane Kelly

Sheikh Fazle Abbas Dato  
Syed Aminul Haque  
Elizabeth Jenkerson  
Christine McMillan  
Geoff Wheeler  
Pastor Chris Thomas

Kari Laing  
Aasha Small  
Debbie Lucas  
Gemma Self  
Ali Beechurst  
Jessi Wilson

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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' 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.*

### **4 Minutes of the Previous meeting held on 6 July 2020 (Pages 5 - 8)**

**RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the previous Agreed Syllabus Conference held on 6 July 2020 be agreed as a correct record.**

### **5 Deputations from the public**

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

**6 Adoption of the reviewed and revised agreed syllabus for religious education in Portsmouth: Living Difference IV (Pages 9 - 10)**

Every five years each Local Authority is required to review its agreed syllabus for religious education. The review process has now completed with Portsmouth SACRE members taking an active part in this.

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

**RECOMMENDED That the Agreed Syllabus Conference approves the revised Agreed Syllabus, Living Difference IV, and recommends to the local authority that it is adopted as the Locally Agreed Syllabus for use across the authority's schools.**

**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.)