
NOTICE OF MEETING

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE 2023 AT 4.30 PM

AL MAHDI CENTRE, FONTLEY ROAD, FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE PO15 6QR

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Membership

Group A Representatives - One representative of each of the religions and other bodies listed in the constitution

Baha'i - Elizabeth Jenkerson

Baptist - Geoff Wheeler

Evangelical Church - Pastor Chris Thomas

Humanist - Barbara Spiegelhalter

Humanist - Geoff Wade (nominated reserve)

Muslim - Sheikh Fazle Abbas Dattoo

Methodist Church – Revd Ray Goddess

Jewish – Samuel Hilsenrath

Quaker - sarah coote

United Reformed Church - Christine McMillan

Group B Representatives - Church of England

Sue Bowen

Revd Sam Duddles

Jane Kelly

Group C Representatives - Six teachers representing the various key stages and an association recognised by the Authority for the purposes of consultation and negotiation.

Kari Laing - Post-16 Representative

Rachael Osborne - Primary Headteacher Representative

Rachel de la Rue - Primary RE Teacher Representative

Helen Reeder - Teacher Liaison Panel Representative

Beth Smith - Secondary School Representative

Group D Representatives - Four representatives of the Authority, at least two of whom shall be elected members of the Authority

Taki Jaffer
Councillor Benedict Swann
Councillor Asghar Shah
Councillor Abdul Kadir

Co-opted members

Jessie Wilson - Council of Portsmouth Students representative

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

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A G E N D A

- 1 Welcome and Introductions**
- 2 Moment for Quiet Reflection**
- 3 Apologies for Absence**
- 4 Declaration of Members' Interest**
- 5 Minutes of the Previous meeting held on 28 March 2023 (Pages 5 - 14)**
- 6 Matters Arising from the minutes**
- 7 SACRE Membership and Member Training report (Pages 15 - 24)**

Purpose of report:

This report updates SACRE regarding its membership, training and other opportunities for the membership.

Recommended that SACRE:

- a) Offers its thanks to Rachel De La Rue, Primary Teacher representative (Group C) for her support over the last 18 months following her resignation from the SACRE.**
- b) Appoints Ms Fiona Kelly, St Swithun's Catholic Primary School as Primary Teacher representative (Group C) to fill the Primary Teacher vacancy.**

- c) **Agrees the DRAFT SACRE allowances policy and procedure (Appendix A).**
- d) **Seeks volunteers to form a working group to:**
 - i) **Review the 2021 Census (see Appendix A) in relation to ensuring that the membership of the Portsmouth SACRE appropriately reflects the principal religious traditions or beliefs in our area.**
 - ii) **Consider outreach and other methods to attract new faith and education representatives to the SACRE, noting that the Council shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the nominees are a representative of the religion, denomination or association in question.**
 - iii) **Report back to the SACRE on actions and progress to widen representation of the SACRE.**
- b) **Nominates a named representative to the Portsmouth Children's Safeguarding Partnership (PCSP).**

8 SACRE Monitoring Group report (Pages 25 - 28)

Purpose of report:

The purpose of this report is to inform SACRE of the findings and discussions that took place during the meeting of the SACRE Monitoring Group on 24 May 2023.

Recommendations:

- a) **That SACRE notes the findings of the Monitoring Group meeting.**
- b) **That SACRE asks for the withdrawal survey to be repeated in the Spring of 2024 and to be discussed in the May 2024 SACRE meeting.**
- c) **That an initial meeting be set up to discuss widening visits to Mosques for teachers.**
- d) **That advice be provided for the Monitoring Group to consider regarding Ramadan and support for schools.**

9 SACRE National and Local RE Matters report (Pages 29 - 32)

Purpose of report:

The purpose of this report is to enable SACRE to consider key national and local RE developments.

Recommendations: That SACRE notes the report.

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

11 Date and venue of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place at 4.30pm on Wednesday 1 November 2023.
The venue is to be confirmed.

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