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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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

**WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2024 AT 4.30 PM**

**ST SWITHUN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, TASWELL ROAD,  
SOUTHSEA, PORTSMOUTH, SOUTHSEA PO5 2RG**

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## **Membership**

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

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 – Michael Zeffertt  
Quaker - sarah coote  
Salvation Army - Sister Sarah Listers (observing)  
Sikhism - Jaswant Singh-Digpa  
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.**

Ella Harbut - Early Years Representative  
Zoe Killick - Primary Headteacher Representative  
Fiona Kelly - Primary School Representative  
Kari Laing - Post-16 Representative  
Beth Smith - Secondary School Representative  
Trish Gumede - Teacher Liaison Panel Representative

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

Taki Jaffer  
Councillor Abdul Kadir  
Councillor Benedict Swann  
Councillor Asghar Shah

**Co-opted members**

Jessie Wilson - Council of Portsmouth Students representative

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(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 Apologies for Absence**
- 3 Declaration of Members' Interest**
- 4 Moment for Quiet Reflection**
- 5 Minutes of the Previous meeting held on 20 March 2024 (Pages 7 - 14)**

The SACRE is asked to:

- a) Agree the draft minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2024.
- b) Discuss any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

- 6 SACRE Membership and Member Training report (Pages 15 - 18)**

Purpose of report:

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

**Recommended that SACRE:**

- a) **Notes the membership vacancies set out in paragraph 4 of this report and that the Authority has approached relevant nominating bodies with a view to appointing additional members.**
- b) **Notes that Sister Sarah Listers (Salvation Army) has been invited to observe the meeting with a view to being appointed to Group A.**
- c) **Notes the appointment of Zoe Killick (Primary Headteacher), Ella Harbut (Early Years) and Trish Gumede (Teachers' Liaison Panel) as representatives of Group C.**
- d) **Notes that the SACRE has subscribed to NASACRE for the current academic year, that this allows members to attend its training sessions (set out in Appendix B to this report) free of charge and that members should take advantage of opportunity.**

**7 Ofsted Subject Report on Religious Education (RE) (Pages 19 - 24)**

Report circulated with the agenda.

**RECOMMENDED - that the SACRE notes the report.**

**8 School Website Monitoring Update (Pages 25 - 26)**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the SACRE with the findings of the website monitoring task undertaken by members of the SACRE Monitoring Group. This task was undertaken as part of the SACRE's duty to monitor the effectiveness of the Portsmouth Agreed Syllabus.

Written report included in the meeting pack.

**RECOMMENDED - that the SACRE notes the report.**

**9 SACRE Monitoring Group Report (Pages 27 - 30)**

Purpose

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 22 May 2024.

The group received updates on professional RE education and monitoring the effectiveness of RE and a summary of the Ofsted Subject Report on RE. An update on implementation of Living Difference IV, including training in RE, was received.

**RECOMMENDED - that the SACRE notes the findings of the Monitoring Group meeting.**

**10 SACRE Constitution (Pages 31 - 38)**

Purpose of report

A SACRE's constitution is broadly determined by the Education Act 1996, Sections 390–399 and Statutory Instrument 1994 Number 1304: The Religious Education (Meetings of Local Conferences and Councils) Regulations 1994.

SACREs need to have constitutions which should conform to the legislation. A constitution will usually state which bodies are the sponsoring bodies for Groups A, C and D. The constitution should be reviewed by the Local Authority's legal services as the Local Authority is the appointing body, but SACRE can ask for changes to the constitution if it is no longer fit for purpose, using the legal requirements as a starting point.

Some SACRE constitutions also contain terms of reference. These are added to give clarity to the constitution and are intended to be helpful to non-specialist readers, such as defining what a term might be or what an acronym refers to. Some also incorporate a code of conduct for SACRE members, though in Portsmouth's case this is a separate document.

**RECOMMENDED that the SACRE:**

- a) **Agrees the draft Portsmouth SACRE Constitution attached to this report, subject to any amendments by the Authority's legal advisors.**
- b) **Recommends to the Local Authority that it accepts the request by the SACRE to revise its Constitution and that the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education endorses the revised Portsmouth SACRE Constitution.**
- c) **Publishes the agreed SACRE Constitution on the Authority's website so that it is available to SACRE members and members of the public.**

**11 National and Local RE Matters report (Pages 39 - 42)**

Purpose

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

**RECOMMENDED - that the SACRE notes the report.**

**12 Date and venue of the next meeting**

The next meeting will take place at 4.30pm on Wednesday 6 November 2024 - venue to be agreed.

Future dates (venues to be confirmed):

Wednesday 12 March 2025

Wednesday 2 July 2025

Wednesday 12 November 2025

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