



NOTICE OF MEETING

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 4.30 PM

**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH COLLEGE, TANGIER ROAD, PORTSMOUTH PO3
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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
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
James Newsam - 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

(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 12 June 2024 (Pages 7 - 14)**

The SACRE is asked to:

- a) Agree the draft minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2024.
 - b) Discuss any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
- 6 SACRE Membership and Member Training report (Pages 15 - 20)**

Purpose

This 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 continues to approach relevant nominating bodies with a view to appointing additional members.

- b) Notes the appointment of Captain Sarah Listers (Salvation Army) to Group A and James Newsam (St Swithun's Catholic Primary School) to Group C.
- c) 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 A to this report) and that it is good practice for members to take advantage of training opportunities when possible.

7 SACRE Action Plan 2024-2027 (Pages 21 - 26)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide a rationale for adopting a three-year action plan and to provide a draft version for SACRE to consider.

RECOMMENDED - that the SACRE adopts the three-year action plan.

8 SACRE Monitoring Group Report (Pages 27 - 28)

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 9 October 2024.

The group received updates on professional RE education and monitoring the effectiveness of RE and an update on implementation of Living Difference IV, including training in RE, was received. The Annual report was also discussed.

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

9 SACRE Code of Conduct (Pages 29 - 32)

Purpose

The Portsmouth SACRE adopted its Code of Conduct in March 2023. The Code of Conduct is based on the NASACRE exemplar and agreement is sought for SACRE members to agree to its principles for a further academic year.

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) SACRE members individually and collectively endorse the Code of Conduct and the principles it espouses for the next 12 months.

- b) **That the Code of Conduct is considered again at the first SACRE meeting of the 2024-25 academic year.**

10 SACRE National and Local RE Matters report (Pages 33 - 34)

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.

11 SACRE Annual Report 2023-2024 (Pages 35 - 50)

Purpose

This report provides the SACRE with an opportunity to agree its Annual Report for the academic year 2023-24.

RECOMMENDED that SACRE:

- a) **Adopts the SACRE Annual Report 2023-24.**
- b) **Recommends that the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education notes the SACRE Annual Report 2023-24 by 31 December 2024.**
- c) **Makes a copy available for public inspection (on the Portsmouth City Council website) and sends a copy to the Secretary of State for Education and relevant organisations listed in Appendix B of the report.**

12 SACRE Constitution revised 2024

Purpose

The draft SACRE Constitution, which it considered at its meeting on 12 June 2024, has been reviewed and agreed the Council's legal team. Councillor Suzy Horton, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education, will consider the draft Constitution at her meeting on 30 October 2024. See [Agenda for Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education on Wednesday, 30th October, 2024, 4.00 pm Portsmouth City Council](#)

RECOMMENDED to note that:

- a) **Subject to the approval of the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education on 30 October 2024 the SACRE Constitution will take immediate effect.**
- b) **The agreed SACRE Constitution will be made available on the**

website at [Committee details - Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education \(SACRE\) Portsmouth City Council](#)

13 SACRE Allowances Policy and Procedure (Pages 51 - 54)

Purpose

At its meeting on 12 June 2023, the Portsmouth SACRE agreed to pay reasonable allowances from the SACRE's delegated budget from Portsmouth City Council to cover any costs that SACRE members incur through carrying out their duties. By adopting this policy, the SACRE aimed to ensure that no member of the community is prevented from becoming a member of the Portsmouth SACRE on the grounds of cost. The attached Policy and Procedures, with minor proposed revisions in red typeface, set out the terms on which such allowances will be paid.

RECOMMENDED:

- a) **To agree the SACRE Allowances Policy and Procedures dated November 2024.**
- b) **To agree to review the SACRE Allowances Policy and Procedures at its meeting to be held in the Summer term of 2027 to take effect from 1 September 2027.**

14 Dates and venues of future meetings

The next meeting will take place at **4.30pm on Wednesday 12 March 2025 at Eastney Evangelical Church**, 21 Eastney Rd, Southsea, Portsmouth, Southsea PO4 9JA

Future dates:

Wednesday 2 July 2025 at St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Bourne Road, Portsmouth PO6 4JD

Wednesday 12 November 2025 at St Swithun's Catholic Primary School, Taswell Road, Southsea PO5 2RG

All meetings will take place at 4.30pm. If no venue is available, meetings will take place remotely on Teams.

Dates for 2025-26 will be provided for consideration at the next SACRE meeting.

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