



Title of meeting: Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
Date of meeting: 2 November 2022
Subject: Membership Report
Report by: Justine Ball, Portsmouth SACRE Advisor

1. **Purpose of report:** This report updates SACRE regarding its membership.

2. **Recommended that SACRE:**
 - a) **Welcomes Councillors Abdul Kadir, Ashgar Shah and Benedict Swann to the Portsmouth SACRE following their appointment to Group D by the Cabinet (21 June 2022).**
 - b) **Notes Taki Jaffer was reappointed to Group D as a Local Authority representative by the Cabinet on 21 June 2022.**
 - c) **Notes that Debbie Lucas, Secondary School representative (Group C) resigned on 10 October 2022 and that it conveys its thanks to her for her significant contribution to the Portsmouth SACRE in recent years.**
 - d) **Appoints Beth Smith (Mayfield School) as Secondary School representative (Group C).**

3. **Background:** SACRE's membership is comprised of 4 groups; more detail is available in SACRE's constitution:
Group A: Christian denominations and other religions and their denominations, reflecting the principal religious traditions of the area.
Group B: The Church of England with representatives nominated by the diocese.
Group C: Teacher and Head teacher representation.
Group D: The Local Authority: appointed by the Local Authority.

Each group has one vote in the case of a voting matter. In addition, SACRE can co-opt members, who do not have voting rights.

SACRE continues to seek a representative from Portsmouth Catholic Diocesan Office and also seeks Buddhist and Hindu representatives for Group A.

SACRE is seeking an additional CofE representative for Group B and one additional teacher representatives for Group C (Early Years).

SACRE is continuing to develop its collaborative work between the Council for Portsmouth Student (CoPS) and SACRE.



SACRE training:

- a) A date for SACRE training for new members as well as for existing members who would like to update themselves about Living Difference IV is being arranged by Hampshire SACRE in the Autumn term on 8 December on Teams at 4.00pm.
- b) Portsmouth SACRE has subscribed to NASACRE's annual training programme so that all its members may join any of its virtual training sessions FREE. Please contact the SACRE Clerk, Karen Martin at karen.martin2@portsmouthcc.gov.uk to sign up for training sessions.

See flier (attached) from NASACRE for information and dates of virtual training sessions.