



**Title of meeting:** Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

**Date of meeting:** 28 March 2023

**Subject:** Membership and Member Training Report

**Report by:** Justine Ball, Portsmouth SACRE Advisor

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**1. Purpose of report:**

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

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

**3. Recommended that SACRE:**

**a) Considers the establishment of a membership 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.**

**c) Agrees to contact SACRE members who have not attended three consecutive meetings.**

**e) Nominates a named representative to the Portsmouth Children's Safeguarding Partnership (PCSP).**



- f) **Seeks up to two representatives to attend the NASACRE Conference and AGM on 22 May 2023.**
- g) **Considers the adoption of the NASACRE Code of Conduct (or an amended version).**

#### **4. Current SACRE Vacancies:**

<b>Group A</b>	Portsmouth Catholic Diocesan Office, Buddhist, Hindu, Salvation Army, Islam and other Christian denominations (1 each)
<b>Group B</b>	CofE representative (1)
<b>Group C</b>	Early Years representative (1)
<b>Group D</b>	None (0) - current appointees may be subject to change following the local elections in May 2023 and appointments will be confirmed at the Cabinet meeting in June 2023.

#### **5. Portsmouth Children's Safeguarding Partnership (PCSP)**

The SACRE has been asked to nominate a representative for the PCSP Main Board. The aim is to appoint a suitable representative from faith communities (other than Anglican diocese which is already represented) to attend the PCSP.

The commitment is to attend four 3 hour meetings per year, to read the agenda and papers ahead of the meeting and be prepared to join in discussion relating to the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements in Portsmouth. Where appropriate the PCSP would ask the representative to speak to members of their community prior to these discussions so that their contribution is representative of them as a whole (rather than a personal opinion). Similarly, the PCSP would like the representative to take back any relevant information to disseminate to their community while understanding the limitations of confidentiality and that occasionally there may be conversations that they are asked not to share.

#### **6. NASACRE Conference and AGM**

The NASACRE Conference and AGM will take place at Fishmongers' Hall, London on Monday 22 May 2023 (10.30am to 3.30pm). The theme is 'Celebrating 30 years: SACRE's for the future. In addition to attending the event on the day, each delegate may choose to attend two virtual workshops between 5-15 June. Further details about the Conference, AGM and workshops are attached as **Appendix B**.

Please note that members of NASACRE are also being asked to nominate someone who has had a significant impact on their local SACRE.

#### **7. Code of Conduct (Minute 20, meeting of 7 June 2022)**

At the SACRE meeting held on 7 June 2022, it was agreed "to consider a draft Code of Conduct at a future meeting." At that meeting, Patricia Hannam (the then SACRE Advisor) informed those present that SACRE representatives are sometimes invited into schools as a SACRE representative or in another capacity as a faith representative. She explained that it was important for faith representatives to be clear about the basis of their visit and that it may be useful for the SACRE to consider



agreeing a Code of Conduct to cover such visits. NASACRE has produced a template Code of Conduct, and this is attached as **Appendix C** for comment.

## 8. SACRE training:

a) Attendance at training events since the last meeting:

NASACRE	7-8pm, 17 November 2022	<b>SACREs – a way forward...? (White Paper)</b> Chaired by Linda Rudge and Paul Smalley Special guest: Charles Clarke	Christine McMillan (Group A) Jane Kelly (Group B) Councillor Asghar Shah (Group D)  Please see feedback form attached as <b>Appendix D</b>
NASACRE	7-8pm, 6 December 2022	<b>How to effectively use pupil and teacher voice in your SACRE?</b> Hosted by Sukaina Manji and Claire Clinton	Sam Duddles (Group B)
NASACRE	7-8.30pm, 19 January 2023	<b>Being an effective Chair part 2</b> Chaired by Linda Rudge	Sam Duddles (Group B)
NASACRE	4-5.30pm, 21 February 2023	<b>Being an effective SACRE Clerk</b> Hosted by Exec members	Karen Martin (Clerk)
NASACRE	7-8pm, 14 March 2023	<b>What's happening to Collective Worship beyond determinations?</b> Hosted by Lesley Prior	Christine McMillan (Group A)

b) Forthcoming training events:

NASACRE	7-8.30pm, 26 June 2023	<b>So, you've joined your local SACRE...</b>	Christine McMillan (Group A)
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		Hosted by Exec members	Please see NASACRE training flyer attached as <b>Appendix E</b>
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- c) A date for SACRE training for new members as well as for existing members who would like to update themselves about Living Difference IV has been arranged by Hampshire SACRE for **Monday 17 April 2023 at 10.00am on Teams**.
- d) 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](mailto:karen.martin2@portsmouthcc.gov.uk) to sign up for training sessions.