



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

**Date of meeting:** 12 June 2024

**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.

**3. 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.**



#### 4. Current SACRE Vacancies and meeting attendance:

##### 4.1 Current vacancies

- Group A** Baha'i Faith, The Roman Catholic faith, Buddhist, Hindu, Salvation Army, Islam and other Christian denominations (1 each)
- Group B** CofE representative (1)
- Group C** None (0)
- Group D** None (0) - current appointees may be subject to change following the local elections in May 2024 and appointments will be confirmed at the Cabinet meeting in June 2024.

##### 4.2 Attendance at meetings

###### Autumn Term meeting - 1 November 2023

Group A = 60%	6/10
Group B = 66%	2/3
Group C = 20%	1/5
Group D = 25%	1/4

###### Spring Term meeting - 20 March 2024

Group A = 75%	6/8
Group B = 66%	2/3
Group C = 40%	2/5
Group D = 75%	3/4

The SACRE Clerk has written to relevant SACRE members in relation to non-attendance at three consecutive SACRE meetings. This is because the SACRE wishes to ensure that SACRE's deliberations and decisions are informed by involvement from all its constituent bodies, and it is committed to carrying forward its work together as effectively as possible. Please note that SACRE is happy for members to nominate substitutes who may take their place at any given meeting, provided that their nominating body approves. Where a member feels they are no longer able to attend as a member of SACRE, even with the support of a substitute, the SACRE will approach the sponsoring body for the nomination of a new member to represent it.

#### 6. SACRE training:

- a) Portsmouth SACRE has subscribed to NASACRE's annual training programme so that all its members may join any of its virtual training sessions FREE. The Programme of training events 2024/25 is likely to be available for the next meeting.

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.



b) Attendance at training events since the last meeting:

<b>Training provider</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Attendees from Portsmouth SACRE</b>
HIAS	Thursday 18 April 2024 at 10.00am on Teams	<b>Training on the Living Difference IV syllabus for school speakers</b> - hosted by Justine Ball, Hampshire County Inspector for History and RE	Christine McMillan Sarah Coote Taki Jaffer
NASACRE	21 September 2023 (recording available)	<b>So you've joined your local SACRE</b> - Aims to help new SACRE members to understand their role, how SACRE works, its statutory responsibilities and how members make their contribution to SACRE's work.	New SACRE members

Recordings of NASACRE training events are available on its website. If members would like to view any of the training sessions above on 'catch-up', please contact the Clerk, Karen Martin at [karen.martin2@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:karen.martin2@portsmouthcc.gov.uk) for the log in details.