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MEETING	STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
DATE	Monday, 9th September, 2024 4.30 pm
VENUE	CONFERENCE ROOM 3 - CIVIC CENTRE
ENQUIRIES	SILAS BINGLEY Email: silas.bingley@southampton.gov.uk
MEMBERS	SEE ATTACHED LIST



A G E N D A

1. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND CHANGES OF MEMBERSHIP**

To receive any apologies and changes to membership and welcome new members.

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

To elect the Chair and Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2023-2024.

3. **STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

4. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members are advised that a register of interest form needs to be completed. Attached is an electronic version there will be hard copies available at the meeting should you prefer.

5. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2024 attached.

6. **WESTHILL GRANT UPDATE DISCUSSION**

Members to discuss progress on the potential to submit a future grant.

7. **LOCAL AND NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING**

Members to discuss the requirements and opportunities for training.

8. FEEDBACK ON EVENTS

To receive feedback and updates from members of the SACRE on any events or training attended. Members are reminded of the “One City No Barriers” event.

9. ANNUAL REPORTS

Members to discuss issues relating to its annual report.

10. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND ATTENDANCE

Members are requested to note the following dates scheduled for Sacre meetings for the remaining school year:

- 11 November 2024:
- 3 February 2025; and
- 28 April 2025 or 12 May 2025

11. MONITORING VISITS - UPDATES AND PLANS

Members to discuss

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members are requested that they advise the Chair in advance of tabling any business for this item.

Friday, 30 August 2024

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MEMBERSHIP

GROUP A

Christian Denominations*

(* Religions and other bodies listed in the SACRE Constitution)

The Roman Catholic Church	Steve Deadman
The Baptists	Chris Davis MBE
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	VACANCY
The Greek Orthodox Church	VACANCY
The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (Chair)	Ruth Gill
The Methodist Church	VACANCY
The United Reformed Church	Susanne Dawson
The Assemblies of God	Neil Maddock
The Salvation Army	VACANCY
Southampton City Mission	Ellie Cousins

Other world beliefs

Religions other than Christianity (as listed in the SACRE Constitution) – Baha'i, Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism = 6

Baha'l	VACANCY
Buddhist	VACANCY
Hinduism	VACANCY
Jewish	Clare Wikeley
Muslim	Imam Sayfullah
Sikhism	VACANCY
South Hampshire Humanists	Mary Wallbank

Non-religious affiliate member

Vacancy

GROUP B

(Four representatives of the Church of England)

The Church of England

Lucy Heptinstall
Rev Garry Roberts

From diocesan education team:

Richard Wharton

GROUP C *(Six teachers representing associations recognised by the Authority for the purposes of consultation and negotiation)*

National Education Union (NEU)	Amelia Day
The National Association of Schoolmasters/ Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)	Suzanne Underwood (Vice Chair)
Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)	VACANCY
National Association of Head teachers (NAHT)	Sian Carr

GROUP D

(4+substitute) - Four representatives of Southampton City Council, at least two of whom shall be elected members of the City Council)

Cllr Beaurain
Cllr Lambert
Cllr Webb
Cllr Wood

GROUP D SUBSTITUTE Vacancy

OTHERS (Non-voting)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Professional Advisor	Southampton City Council	Alison Philpott
Primary RE Lead Rep -	Banister Primary School	Ellen Brodigan
Secondary RE Lead Rep/ASC	Bitterne Park Secondary School	Suzanne Underwood
ASC	Newlands Primary School	Amelia Day
ASC	The Polygon School	Chloe Foster
	Southampton Council of Faiths	David Vane
	Love Southampton	
	Southampton Council of Faiths	Timothy Tofts

SOUTHAMPTON STANDING
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION



REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS – PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN

Register of disclosures made in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 and the Constitution of Southampton City Council

I.....[full name], as a Member or co-opted member of Southampton City Council, give notice that I have set out my interests in Appendix 1 and 2 below, and have put 'NONE' where I have no such interest in any area.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Appendix 1 of this form contains Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as prescribed by the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. It is a criminal offence, without reasonable excuse, to:-

- (i) fail to register a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that you are aware of within 28 days of your election or re-election;
- (ii) take part in any debate or vote at any meeting where you have a registered or unregistered Disclosable Pecuniary Interest;
- (iii) to fail to declare at a meeting and / or take part in a debate or vote if you are aware that you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is not yet registered or notified to the Monitoring Officer;
- (iv) fail to register a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest within 28 days of declaring an unregistered Disclosable Pecuniary Interest at a meeting;
- (v) provide false or misleading information in relation to your registration or to be reckless as to its accuracy;
- (vi) take any steps or further action on a matter in which you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest other than referring it elsewhere.

Upon conviction a Member or Co-optee may be fined up to a maximum of £5,000 per offence.

Appendix 2 of this form contains 'Other Interests' required to be disclosed in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members as set out in the Constitution of Southampton City Council. It is a breach of the Code of Conduct to fail to disclose any interest that you know or ought to know that you have as soon as such an interest arises.

Forms should be completed and returned to: The Monitoring Officer, C/O Democratic Services, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY

Please retain one copy of this form for your own records.

APPENDIX 1

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Please complete ALL parts of this form. If you do not have an interest under a particular section, please put 'None'. All of your interests must be disclosed, including those of your Spouse or Partner (as defined below).

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST	YOU	YOUR SPOUSE OR PARTNER (Your spouse, partner, a person you are living with as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if they were a civil partner)
Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.		
Sponsorship: Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from Southampton City Council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expense incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.		

<p>Any contract which is made between you / your spouse etc (or a body in which the you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest) and Southampton City Council under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed, and which has not been fully discharged.</p>		
<p>Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of Southampton.</p>		
<p>Any license (held alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of Southampton for a month or longer.</p>		
<p>Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) the landlord is Southampton City Council and the tenant is a body in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest.</p>		
<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of Southampton, and either:</p> <p>a) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one</p>		

<p>hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body, or</p> <p>b) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>		
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'Beneficial Interest' in relation to land means land or property that you own, or have a right to occupy (e.g. a tenancy) or receive an income from. This may include your home.

'Securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Finance Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

APPENDIX 2

OTHER INTERESTS

Please complete ALL parts of this form. If you do not have an interest under a particular section, please put 'None'. All of your interests must be disclosed, including those of your Spouse or Partner (as defined below).

Please provide details of your membership of, or your occupation of a position of general control or management in:

Any body to which you have been appointed or nominated by
Southampton City Council

Any public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature
(E.G. Primary Care Trust, Police Authority, Other Councils)

Any body directed to charitable purposes
(E.G Any charitable trusts such as a Freemason Lodge, Trust or
Academy School, Other charitable organisation).

Any body whose principal purpose includes the influence of public
opinion or policy

(includes any political party or trade union, single interest action
groups, National Trust, Friends of the Earth etc.)

Agenda Item 5



STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 July 2024

Present:

Group A –

Christian Denominations

The Roman Catholic Church – Steve Deadman

The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches – Ruth Gill

The United Reformed Church – Susanne Dawson

Southampton City Mission – Joyce Wan

Other world beliefs

Jewish- Clare Wikeley

Muslim – Imam Sayfullah

Mary Wallbank – South Hampshire Humanists

Group B – Church of England

Lucy Heptinstall

From Diocesan education team

Richard Wharton

Group C – Teachers

National Education Union - Amelia Day

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers –
Suzanne Underwood

Group D – Members of the Council

Councillors Beaurain and Webb

Also in attendance:

Others co-opted (Non-Voting)

Southampton City Council, Professional Advisor - Alison Philpott

Primary RE Lead Rep - Ellen Brodigan

Southampton Council of Faiths – Timothy Tofts

Love Southampton

Apologies

Councillors Lambert and Wood
Richard Wharton
Silas Bingley

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

It was noted that the constitution set out that elections should come with the start of the Academic year and not the start of the municipal year.. It was therefore resolved that the elections would take place at the next meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the last meeting held on 26th February 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES, CHANGES OF MEMBERSHIP AND INDUCTION PROCESS**

SCRE noted the apologies of Mr Richard Wharton and Councillors Lambert and Wood.

In addition it was noted that this was the last meeting of Liz Allen. The Chair thanked her for all of her hard work over the years a wished her well for the future. It was also noted that Joyce Wan period of cover for Ellie Cousins had drawn to an end and that Ellie would be returning to future meetings.

Members noted that the National Association of Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education reference handbook had been attached to the papers along with a draft of the local induction information pack for discussion. Members suggested a number of additions including a glossary of terms and acronyms; the potential to add more information on the monitoring visit; a training schedule; and the code of conduct.

It was agreed that the Chair and Vice chair with the support of the professional advisor would circulate a further draft for approval at the next meeting.

4. **WESTHILL GRANT UPDATES**

Members discussed the idea of developing a grant proposal for a Westhill Grant.

It was suggested that a grant could be drawn together to fund an information programme that set out to debunk the myths and popular inaccuracies about other religions across the City.

A number of suggestions were broadly outline a possible ways to assemble access information to reach out to the City.

One suggestion was a number of short information films and inline presentations along those first shown on television but to link them to the City. Imam Sayfullah explained that he had been involved in a similar project “ I am Human” in Northampton prior to his move to this City.

The following links give an insight as to what this project produced.

<https://www.ordinarytoucan.com/showcase/i-am-human>
<https://www.niff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/I-Am-Human-Activity-Book-pages.pdf>

It was agreed that a working group of members including Ruth Gill, Imam Sayfullah, Tim Tofts, Susan Underwood and supported by the Council's professional advisor Silas Bingley should work together to review the matter for the consideration at the next meeting.

5. **MONITORING AND BUDGET**

It was explained that the budget review for the Service had now been completed at that and allocated. Members had expressed concerns over the level of professional support for monitoring visits had been listened to. It was explained that the allocated budget would allow for professional support on monitoring for schools supported by local authority however, it was noted that there would be a charge to Academy Schools.

Members that wanted to engage with the programme of monitoring visits and the drafting of the schedule of monitoring visits (including the potential of training) should contact the professional advisor so that a schedule could be drawn up.

It was considered that a training event for Members wishing to undertake monitoring could be explored. The vice chair explained that they could explore the possibilities of using Bittern Park Secondary for this.

6. **NATIONAL OFSTED REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Members noted that the National report into Religious Education had now been published [Deep and meaningful? The religious education subject report - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/114114/Deep_and_meaningful?_ga=2.141114.114114.114114.114114.114114).

Alison Phillpott talked through the report and discussed the findings made within it. It was noted that this was a useful document that would help to continue to provide a strong syllabus and increase the links between subjects throughout a child's education as shown in [Research review series: religious education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/114114/Research_review_series_religious_education?_ga=2.141114.114114.114114.114114.114114)

7. **SOUTHAMPTON COUNCIL OF FAITHS - EDUCATION PROJECT**

Tim Tofts from the Council of Faiths outline how the much progress had been made in establishing a database that could be used by organisations seeking to help organisations to contact members of particular faith groups that would be willing and able to discuss their religions.

It was explained that work had been undertaken to create a proforma for schools that would outline exactly what it was they were requiring and what would be expected of any attendee including the length of time they would be required.

Members noted that this project was being led by the Council of Faiths with the support of the Silas and the Vice-Chair.

8. **FEEDBACK ON EVENTS**

The Chair noted that she had attended the NSACRE conference and reported back to the meeting. The Chair stated that it was refreshing to see that many of the ideas nationally discussed had already been implemented locally. It was noted that many Councils made a point of meeting in locations. The Chair suggested that this should be explored locally as it allowed members to gain a greater understanding of religious establishments outside of their own. Members were requested to explore whether their own organisations would be amenable to hosting future meetings.

Members noted that this year's "No Barriers" event would be held on the 28 November 2024. Members were requested to contact the Vice-Chair nearer the event should they wish to take part.