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STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 February 2023

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Present:

Group A –

Christian Denominations

The Roman Catholic Church – Steve Deadman

The Baptists – Chris Davies

The Religious Society of Friends – Vacancy

The Greek Orthodox Church – Vacancy

The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches – 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 religions

Baha'i – Elizabeth Jenkerson

Buddhist – Vacancy

Hindu – Vacancy

Jewish- Clare Wikeley

Muslim – Imam Sayfullah

Sikh – Vacancy

Mary Wallbank – South Hampshire Humanists

Non-Religious Affiliate Member

Vacancy

Group B – Church of England

Liz Allen

Lucy Heptinstall

Rev Garry Roberts

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

Association of School and College Leaders – Vacancy

National Association of Head teachers – Sian Carr

Group D – Members of the Council

Councillors A Bunday, Laurent, Magee, Windle

Group D Substitute – Kate Martin

Also in attendance:

Others co-opted (Non-Voting)

Southampton City Council, Professional Advisor - Alison Philpott

Primary RE Lead Rep - Ellen Brodigan

Secondary RE Lead Rep/ASC – Suzanne Underwood

ASC teacher representatives – Amelia Day, Chloe Foster

Southampton Council of Faiths – David Vane

Matt Bunday – Love Southampton

**PRESENT**

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The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches – Ruth  
Gill (Chair)

South Hampshire Humanists – Chris Robinson

Other religions

Islamic – Imam Sayfullah

**Group B – Church of England**

Lucy Heptinstall

Liz Allen

Reverend Garry Roberts

From Diocesan education team

Richard Wharton

**Group D – Members of the Council**

Councillors A Bunday and Magee

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

SACRE members welcomed Rev Garry Roberts and Imam Sayfullah as new members.

Members noted the apologies of Councillors Windle and Laurent and Kate Martin (Group D) In addition the apologies of Sain Carr (Group C) and Mary Wallbank (Group A) and welcomed Chris Robinson as a substitute for Mary Wallbank.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of The SACRE meeting 21 November 2022 be approved as a correct record.

58. **INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS - INDUCTION DEVELOPMENT (RG)**

Members of SACRE reviewed the process of induction for new members. The it was understood that any form of induction for new Members needed to encompass the roles of SACRE both locally, regionally and national. It was agreed that it would be helpful to have information that clearly provided information on the role that new members had signed up for and that would be able to signpost both new and existing members on where further information and reading could be found.

Members suggested that having a clear nameplate for the meeting would be helpful for new and existing members.

59. **SACRE SELF- EVALUATION - EVIDENCE DISCUSSION (AP TO LEAD)**

Members reviewed the SACRE self assessment form, attached to the papers in the Agenda, section by section and using the definitions set out within each of the sections agreed how best the Southampton advisory Council could be classified. Members reviewed each of the criteria and agreed that the comments of those present on how it was performing against each of sections.

It was further agreed that Alison Phillpott would take the comments away and present members a finalised version at a future meeting.

60. **SACRE ACTION PLAN**

Members agreed that the following the discussion of the self- assessment tool and the conclusion of those present on each of its sections that should use the results of the self assessment form to build on and develop an action plan for SACRE in the forthcoming year.

61. **ADVICE DOCUMENTS REVIEW DISCUSSION**

Members of SACRE discussed the advice document set out in the papers and noted that it would require to be updated in regard to advice given on Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) in school to ensure that the latest support documents are referenced.

Members agreed that it would be helpful to set up a MS Teams working group that would review this and look to engage with potential new members for SACRE. It was agreed that Ruth Gill and Lucy Heptinstall would take the lead on this.

62. **UPDATE ON SACRE SUB-GROUP ACTIVITIES (ALL)**

Members discussed the process of monitoring visits to schools within the City and detailed how the groups assessed how schools undertook the provision of religious education using the agreed syllabus. It was noted that approximately 7 visits a year take place across the City and that the majority of schools follow the syllabus. It was noted that a detailed report was produced and that the feedback to schools was generally well received.

Alison Phillpott explained the process and who were involved in the visits detailing how members could register an interest in becoming part of the visits.

63. **OFSTED**

Members noted that there was no updated information for this standing item at this meeting.