



STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 November 2024

Present:

Group A –

Christian Denominations

The Roman Catholic Church – Steve Deadman

The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches – Ruth Gill

The Salvation Army – Julie Swanston

Religions other than Christianity

Jewish- Clare Wikeley

Muslim – Imam Sayfullah

Other world views

Mary Wallbank – South Hampshire Humanists

Group B – Church of England

Lucy Heptinstall

Rev Garry Roberts

From Diocesan education team

Rob Sanders

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

Councillor Webb

Apologies

The Roman Catholic Church – Steve Deadman

Southampton City Mission – Ellie Cousins

Southampton City Council, Professional Advisor – Silas Bingley

Councillors Beaurain, Lambert and Wood

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

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Ruth Gill be elected as Chair for the Educational Year of 2024/2025; and
- (ii) Suzzane Underwood be elected as Vice-Chair for the Educational Year of 2024/2025.

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

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

It was noted that the NASCRE website had a number of courses that members could sign up for online. Group D members were advised that there is a training session in January.

In addition it was noted that March would see a session relating to the agreed syllabus.

Members were advised to contact Silas Bingley to confirm the new access information.

4. **MONITORING VISITS A- UPDATES AND PLANS**

Members noted that the importance of onsite its onsite monitoring of schools religious education at schools. It was noted that a new programme of visits needed to be set up for the forthcoming year. It was agreed that initially small group of members would be trained and undertake monitoring visits.

It was noted that the intention of a small working party would be to ensure that members were adequately skilled to undertake the assessments and that an initial assessment would be undertaken in January at a secondary school. It was noted that the aim was to recommence the programme of school visits. Members were reminded that a skills audit had been circulated in order to establish the individual strengths of members. Amelia Day, Lucy Heptinstall, Reverend Gary Roberts and Mary Wallbank all expressed an interest in taking part of the working group.

Member discussed the potential to review schools online presence. The following members expressed an interest in undertaking these reviews when an appropriate check list had been devised: Suzie Underwood, Amelia Day Mary Wallbank and Reverend Roberts.

5. **MEMBERSFEEDBACK ON EVENTS**

Noted the forthcoming "The One City No Barriers event" coming up for Secondary Schools on Thursday 28th November 2024. Members from none Christian faiths were asked especially to register if possible.

Members also discussed forthcoming events hosted by the Parkes Institute at the University of Southampton and a forthcoming philosophy at Cantell School.

6. **FUTURE MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE**

Members confirmed the future dates of the of SACRE as:

- 10 February 2025 ;and
- 28 April 2024.

Members discussed the potential to utilise venues around the City other than the Civic Centre to hold future. The Chair requested that members of SACRE to explore whether it would be possible to hold future meetings at their church or organisation.