

Notice of Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education



Date: Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 4.00 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting using Microsoft Teams

Membership:

Chairman:

L Ford-Horne

Vice Chairman:

R Lawrence and C Smith

Atwal

R Lawton

B Joshi

S Hawksworth

D Kenchington

P Thomson

J Kelly

N Coupe

I Terry

K Barker

I Harris

T Willis

V Saunders

Cllr B Dion

Cllr N Greene

Cllr M Le Poidevin

D Pegg

A Harris

Knight

All Members of the Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

The press and public are welcome to view the live stream of this meeting at the following link:

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=4603>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact Bob Hanton by email at bob.hanton@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Press enquiries should be directed to the Press Office: Tel: 01202 454668 or email press.office@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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GRAHAM FARRANT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

8 June 2021



Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

Declaring interests at meetings

Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests

Do any matters being discussed at the meeting relate to your registered interests?

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Yes

Declare the nature of the interest

Do NOT participate in the item at the meeting. Do NOT speak or vote on the item EXCEPT where you hold a dispensation

You are advised to leave the room during the debate

Local Interest

Yes

Declare the nature of the interest

Applying the bias and pre-determination tests means you may need to refrain from speaking and voting

You may also need to leave the meeting. Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer

No

Do you have a personal interest in the matter?

Yes

Consider the bias and pre-determination tests

You may need to refrain from speaking & voting

You may also need to leave the meeting. Please seek advice

No

You can take part in the meeting speak and vote

What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?

Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer
(susan.zeiss@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

AGENDA

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

- 1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest**
To receive any apologies for absence and any declarations of interest from SACRE members.
- 2. Opening Reflection - Sally Hawksworth**
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting** 5 - 8
To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 10 March 2021 and to consider any matters arising. [The draft minutes are attached].
- 4. BCP SACRE Chair's Report (Cheryl Smith, Joint Vice Chair)**
- 5. Situation in Schools (Georgie Pinder)**
- 6. Update on feedback from Questionnaire (Georgie Pinder)**
- 7. Syllabus Review - Timetable (David Rees)**
- 8. BCP RE Conference - Update (David Rees and Georgie Pinder)**
- 9. Equality and Diversity (Sam Johnson)**
- 10. BCP SACRE Action Plan and OFSTED Report feedback (David Rees)** 9 - 12
The Action Plan and OFSTED feedback documents are attached.
- 11. Networks Update (David Rees and Nicola Coupe)**
- 12. NASACRE Conference - Feedback (David Rees)**
- 13. Future Meeting Dates**
To identify dates for the termly meetings of BCP SACRE during the 2021/22 Academic Year and to agree delivery of the Opening Reflection for the Autumn Term meeting.

No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.