

Notice of Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education



Date: Wednesday, 12 March 2025 at 4.00 pm

Venue: Teams Meeting (Online)

Membership:

Chair:

Cllr R Burton

Vice Chair:

V Saunders

L Ford-Horne
R Lawton
Knight
N Ford
B Joshi
S Hawksworth
Kanamia

D Kenchington
P Thomson
Kaur
J Kelly
N Coupe
Ruffle
K Barker

Jones
T Willis
Jones
Cllr M Cox
Cllr M Le Poidevin
D Pegg

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AGENDA

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

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies
 To receive apologies for absence.2. Welcome and Introductions3. Opening reflection
 To receive an opening reflection from the Vice Chair.4. Minutes
 To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 17 July 2024 and 20 November 20245. Annual report update6. Time line for appointment of R.E. Advisor7. Funding for SACRE8. Action Plan Update9. Hub Report10. Dates of future meetings
 The dates of future meetings of the Committee are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18 June 2025• 22 October 2025 | <div>5 - 14</div> <div>15 - 16</div> |
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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.

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STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY, 2024

Present: Lynda Ford-Horne in the Chair

S Knight, N Ford, B Joshi, S Hawksworth, M Kanamia, D Kenchington, P Thomson, J Kelly, N Coupe, P Ruffle, S Jones, T Willis, V Saunders, Cllr R Burton, Cllr M Cox and Cllr M Le Poidevin

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Karen Barker, Rob Lawton and Dave Pegg.

2 Welcome and Introductions: LFH

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, advising the Committee that there was a new clerk for the meetings and new representatives, including Balwinder from the Sikh community.

3 Opening reflection: Vince Saunders

Vince Saunders presented an opening reflection, emphasising the importance of the balance of work and rest in people's lives. He advised that his pupils were encouraged to enjoy the small things and commit to doing a selfless act during the school holidays.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2024 were agreed as a true and correct record.
Voting: unanimous

5 Succession plan for our new chair and vice chair: LFH

The Chair advised that she was stepping down as Chair this year (2024). Councillor Burton had agreed to be the Chair and Vince Saunders the Vice Chair for the forthcoming year and hopefully the year after.

The Committee expressed its thanks to Lynda Ford-Horne, for her work which had been greatly valued.

It was proposed that Councillor Burton would be the Chair from the next meeting, scheduled for November 2024.

Councillor Burton and Vince Saunders gave their thanks and expressed how they were looking forward to their future roles on the Committee.

It was RESOLVED that:

- a. Councillor Burton be elected as Chair for 2024/25; and**
- b. Vince Saunders be elected as Vice Chair for 2024/25.**

Voting: Unanimous

6 **Action Plan: DR**

The Committee was presented with the updated action plan.

It was advised that the core business item had been completed. Section B included items that would be “nice to do”, rather than essential.

It was agreed to include an extra item concerning engaging teachers. The Committee wanted to investigate further methods of communication, beyond emails. For example, with the new syllabus, the Committee wanted to know how the membership were getting on with it.

The Committee discussed teacher led hubs in the diocese and the co-ordination of meetings. Leaders would be having a whole day of training. It was hoped national training facilitators could be engaged. A meeting was scheduled for later this month to make arrangements with the Wilts SACRE Advisor. There would be personalised content, based on the area. It was advised that individual hubs could draw £275 for their own schools, for time commitments.

It was advised that there was a working party set-up for the RE conference. Each SACRE could run their own. It would be a virtual conference, with funding for this coming from part of a grant, so it would be cost neutral for SACREs. They are held with all schools eligible, with a £50 fee, but it was free for SACRE members and would be held on 26 March 2025. Understanding Christianity – train the trainer budget had been made available. Joining information would be sent to new members. RE Today were the training provider.

It was discussed that there should be SACRE representation on all bodies. Therefore, there should be a review of the membership and drive to fill any gaps. This would also provide an opportunity to reach out to as many schools as possible and get contacts and offer support.

It was explained that the Chair had contacted the local Quakers, (awaiting a reply) and the Free Church to ask if they wanted to remain or appoint new members. Therefore, it was hoped that by September, there should be a full Committee A.

The SACRE Conference would be held on 20 November 2024, with the next meeting of this SACRE being held after the conference. The Committee was asked if it had any initial thoughts regarding the national agenda items for consideration? It was agreed that a working group be set-up to develop any ideas.

It was suggested and agreed that as the Interfaith Week ended on 17 November 2024, feedback on that and any update regarding any new members on Cttee A could be included onto the action plan for the next meeting. It was further agreed that input from the latest Ofsted review would be beneficial for this Committee to receive.

It was asked if anyone had any information about any small pots of money that were available, for support of Interfaith Week, specifically to help with attendance at conference, could they please pass on any details.

7 **Interfaith week: LFH**

It was discussed that there should be as much information in the September issue of the SACRE newsletter as possible. The Chair agreed to write and include something on their experiences of going into schools and contact details.

8 **Holocaust Memorial Day: LFH**

The Committee discussed the events commemorating the Holocaust Memorial Day 2025, which included:

26 January, at the Lighthouse, Poole: 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz and 30 since Bosnian genocide

27 January, at Civic Centre Chamber; and
28 January, student events. These details had not been circulated to schools yet but would be included in the newsletter.

The new BCP Interfaith Group had only been running for a year. There would be a meeting to decide a programme of events and another peace vigil.

It was discussed and agreed that there should be a list of recognised speakers, who were appropriate for speaking in schools on relevant subjects. It was further suggested that the legacy B & P SACREs had a collective worship document, suggesting how school visitors should work with young people, and that this could be reviewed.

9 Equality and Diversity update

There was no update. Cathy Boston Manor would supply a future update.

10 Meeting dates 2024 / 2025 (proposed)

The Committee agreed the three upcoming Committee dates, as published in the Agenda.

Meeting closed 17:06

Chairman at the meeting on
Wednesday, 17 July 2024

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BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 November 2024 at 3.25 pm

Present:-

Cllr R Burton – Chair
V Saunders – Vice-Chair

Present: Claire Jones, Lynda Ford-Horne, and Nicola Coupe (in attendance virtually).

Also in attendance: Georgie Pinder, Education Advisor
Dave Rees, RE Advisor
Kirsten Lloyd (observing)

11. Apologies

Apologies were received from Shelley Jones, Trevor Willis, Rob Lawton, Peter Thomson and Dave Pegg.

12. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcome everyone to the meeting and those in attendance introduced themselves, including Claire Jones, Kirsten Lloyd (observing), Lynda Ford-Horne, Georgie Pinder, Dave Rees, Vincent Saunders, Cllr Richard Burton and Nicola Coupe (in attendance virtually).

13. Opening reflection (LFH)

LFH read a prayer called god of life.

14. Confirmation of minutes

It was noted that the minutes of the last meeting would be brought to the next meeting.

15. Conference review and thanks

The Chair informed the Committee that he had thoroughly enjoyed and welcomed the event, which was echoed by others in attendance.

The Committee discussed the conference and comments were made, including:

- Positive reception to the presentation from Sister Tama who provided the conference with feedback about her work.

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- It was felt there was a good, varied nature of content. With praise to the personal testimonies given including lived experience. The Round robin tables exercise provided food for thought.
- The RE Advisor advised that considering it had been arranged at quite short notice, it had come together very well. He advised that with the lived experience of belonging, consideration needed to be given on how to use that information and transfer it to classroom learning.
- It was noted that there was a good variety of attendees, enabling new contacts to be nurtured.
- A teacher representative highlighted the positive impact of not splitting the primary and secondary phase as it enabled more personal stories to be shared about both phases.
- It was acknowledged that it was difficult to increase secondary school engagement and the reasons for that were discussed alongside consideration of how engagement could be increased.
- It was noted that the last conference was also the launch of the syllabus which would have increased attendance and it was acknowledged that teachers had difficulties in being able to leave school to attend. There was some discussion about possibly relaunching a SEND network.
- The Committee was advised that evaluation forms would be sent out to gain valuable feedback from schools and attendees.
- It was noted that Ofsted was impressed with how teachers were involved in the creation of the syllabus.
- The Committee was advised of pockets of funding as RE budgets were normally very small and how the funding could be accessed and used with SACREs help.
- The Committee discussed collective worship and it was felt that the information should be shared annually as it provided good information which was still relevant. It was agreed to develop a section for SEND education. **ACTION.**
- The Committee discussed the speakers who attended the conference and discussed ways in which it could reach a wider audience within schools by potentially recording speakers to share stories of real people of different faiths. How this could be done was discussed including potential funding and external help from university students to create a package. **ACTION.**

The Chair concluded the item by thanking all those who arranged, contributed and attended the event.

16. Holocaust Memorial Day, Interfaith Week update and Jewish Living Online

The Committee was advised that Holocaust Memorial Day was on 27 January 2025 and the main event would be held at Poole Lighthouse on Sunday 26 at 2pm, with a further event on 27 January at the Civic Centre.

The Committee was advised of the invitation going out to all secondary and middle schools regarding an event at Parkstone Grammar with a speaker regarding a story of her father about his time in Auschwitz.

The Committee was curious what schools did during Interfaith week, and it was felt a reminder could be sent out with to remind schools it was happening and provide suggested resources. It was noted Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole had a newly formed interfaith group where 150 people came to tell their stories. **ACTION - send out in January newsletter to enable schools time to schedule in.**

The Committee was advised that the Jewish Board of Deputies put together a resource for teaching KS3 which needed to be circulated to all schools. It was noted the resource could be used for GCSE teachers which was a free comprehensive resource called Jewish Living Online. **ACTION - circulate to all SACRE members and secondary schools.**

17. NASACRE Call For Evidence

The Chair advised he put this item on the agenda and highlighted that the deadline for responses was the following day, 22 November 2024.

The Committee discussed the call for evidence and it was highlighted that responses should use their own evidence and include presentations around data and outcomes.

The outcome of the call was discussed which if positive, could be beneficial for SACREs.

It was highlighted that you did not have to complete the full form, however responses would need to add weight to be counted.

It was agreed that the clerk would circulate the Call For Evidence to the full SACRE Committee for response. **ACTION.**

18. Action plan and RE advisor update

The Committee was advised that the Action Plan was updated every term and that the RE Advisor would circulate an updated one. It was advised that the Annual Report was also close to completion and could be circulated. **ACTION.**

The Committee was advised that the newsletter would be circulated in the second week of term and included information regarding CPD and local and national information. The RE Advisor was keen to include some input from SACRE Members in future.

There was some discussion over SARCEs budget and what it could be used for as it was acknowledged that on years when the Committee was not working on the agreed syllabus, it was not always fully utilised. Possible options were funding for support networks and having an annual conference

The Committee was advised that the agreed syllabus had been launched online with more exemplification material available. It was noted that the online function would be quality assured by Georgie Pinder and Dave Rees.

ACTION.

19. Hub report.

The Salisbury Diocesan representative provided the Committee with an update, including that training had been arranged with lead practitioners, with a meeting planned in early December. It was requested that any encouragement to get schools to attend would be appreciated and the ways to promote it were discussed.

The Committee was advised of the work being undertaken in compiling a world view handbook and hyperlinks were shared with SACRE.

The Committee was advised that funding continued until 2025 and Dorset, Wiltshire and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole had agreed to move to Learning Target 3.

The Salisbury Diocesan representative advised that the recent SIAMS – annual report included a damning report on findings of inspections for RE which needed consideration and would be circulated before the next meeting. **ACTION.**

20. Commissioning arrangements

Dave Rees left the meeting before the commencement of this item.

The Committee was advised that BCP Council needed to review the commissioning arrangements for the RE advisor specialist and expressions of interest were being sought. It was noted that Dave Rees was currently commissioned to fulfil the role.

The timescales, options and process were discussed by the Committee.

21. AOB to be notified to Chair before the meeting

None received.

22. Dates of next meetings

The date of the next meetings were noted and it was agreed it would be a 4pm start and be held virtually.

It was requested that the date of 12 November be changed to 22 October 2025. **ACTION.**

The meeting ended at 4.43 pm

CHAIR

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BCP SACRE action plan – updated February 2025

Aim	Actions	Timescales	People Responsible	Cost	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025
A. CORE BUSINESS To be a supportive and proactive SACRE enjoying full and well-informed membership	1. Fill membership vacancies	Ongoing	SACRE Chair SACRE Clerk	N/A	BCP SACRE is representative of the BCP area. However, this needs to be constantly monitored		
	2. SACRE members attend termly SACRE meetings (3 per year) and, when possible, teacher meetings and training events	Termly SACRE meetings: Spring 2025 Summer 2025 Autumn 2025	SACRE Chair/SACRE Adviser SACRE members SACRE Clerk	SACRE Adviser to prepare and attend x3 SACRE meetings a year SACRE Clerk to administer each meeting LA officers/ Adviser time	Weds 12 th March 4.15pm	2 nd July 2025?	22 nd October 2025
	3. Produce annual SACRE Report	Autumn Term 2025	SACRE Adviser and Education Adviser with foreword by SACRE Chair	SACRE Adviser x1 day (includes draft and revisions)	Completed brought to SACRE - Send to NASACRE by Feb 2025		Draft to be written
	4. Review the action plan at each meeting and discuss updates	At each SACRE meeting	SACRE Adviser and SACRE	SACRE Adviser time	At each SACRE meeting	At each SACRE meeting	At each SACRE meeting
	5. Subscribe to NASACRE Representation at annual NASACRE conference & AGM - Attend other relevant and useful events	Ongoing	SACRE Adviser & Education Adviser	Subscription £105 SW SACRE conference fee and advisor time? NASACRE Conference & AGM - SACRE Adviser time to attend NASACRE conference?	SW SACRE March 2025 conference DR to attend feedback to SACRE Strictly RE – Jan 2025	NASACRE AGM 2025 London DR attending?	Subscription due £105
	6. Review the Locally agreed syllabus and the 5-year cycle	BCP Syllabus launched Jan 2023	SACRE	Up to maximum budget of £15,000 in planning and delivery year	Update at each SACRE meeting	Update at each SACRE meeting	Update at each SACRE meeting
	7. Monitor and advise on Collective Worship	ongoing	SACRE	Dependant on the support offered	At each SACRE meeting	At each SACRE meeting	At each SACRE meeting
B. To support teachers of RE to	1. Collate and distribute a termly newsletter	Termly	SACRE Adviser – SACRE members to offer suggestions	Adviser time	Jan 2025	April 2025	Sept 2025

<i>continually improve RE learning in their schools.</i>	2. Collate and update database of RE leads	ongoing	Admin – contacts harvested from response to newsletter appeals	Admin time	Keep as an item as RE leaders change regularly		
	3. <i>Provide a RE teachers and leaders conference</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>SACRE in house (Adviser time)</i>	<i>Possible Adviser time - Speaker costs - Venue hire etc.</i>	<i>Proposed Teachers RE conference – date and theme TBD – previous one in November 2024</i>		
	4. Connect with RE leaders through networks	Ongoing	SACRE teacher reps with support (Hub leads)	T. Willis/S Jones (NC co-ordinating) DR supporting	Hub lead practitioners run these out of the Salisbury diocese – available to all		
	5. To support regional RE conferences and engage in other RE CPD opportunities	Ongoing – particular focus on the ‘Rejuvenating RE’ conference in March	SACRE members and adviser (advisor on the steering group)	March 2025 – virtual RE conference			

Italicised points are up for consideration