

# Notice of Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education



Date: Wednesday, 18 June 2025 at 4.00 pm

Venue: Teams Meeting (Online)

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## Membership:

### Chairman:

### Vice Chairman:

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

P Thomson  
B Kaur  
J Kelly  
N Coupe  
E Culy  
P Ruffle  
K Barker  
C Jones

T Willis  
V Saunders  
S Jones  
Cllr R Burton  
Cllr M Cox  
Cllr M Le Poidevin  
D Pegg

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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.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10 June 2025

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### 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

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| <b>1. Election of Chairman</b><br>To elect a Chairman of the Committee for 2025/26, until the first meeting of 2026/27.                              |               |
| <b>2. Election of a Vice-Chairman</b><br>To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Committee for 2025/26, until the first meeting of 2026/27.                  |               |
| <b>3. Apologies</b><br>To receive any apologies for absence from members of the Committee.   |               |
| <b>4. Welcome and introductions</b><br>To welcome members of the Committee and receive any introductions.  |               |
| <b>5. Opening reflection (NC)</b><br>To receive an opening reflection.   |               |
| <b>6. Confirmation of Minutes</b><br>To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2025.                       | 5 - 8         |
| <b>7. Curriculum Review (DR)</b><br>To receive a curriculum review.  | Verbal Report |
| <b>8. Action Plan Update (DR and GP)</b><br>To receive and review the SACRE Action Plan.   | 9 - 10        |
| <b>9. Filling Vacant SACRE positions</b><br>To review Committee membership and consider any vacancies.   | Verbal Report |
| <b>10. Hub report including review of BCP area involvement (Compliments and Concerns). (NC)</b><br>To receive the Hub report.                        | Verbal Report |
| <b>11. AOB (to be notified to Chair before the meeting)</b><br>To consider any items of AOB that have been raised with the Chair before the meeting. | Verbal Report |

## 12. Dates of future meetings

Verbal  
Report

To consider dates of future meetings of the Committee.

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.

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2025 at 4.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr R Burton – Chair  
V Saunders – Vice-Chair

Present: L Ford-Horne, R Lawton, B Joshi, S Hawksworth, J Kelly, N Coupe,  
K Barker, Jones and Cllr M Le Poidevin

Also in attendance: D Rees, R.E. Advisor and G Pinder, Education Advisor

### 23. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mike Cox, Dave Pegg, Trevor Willis, Peter Thomson and Shelley Jones. Lynda Ford Horne and Cllr Burton would be joining the meeting later.

Due to the planned and anticipated lateness of the Chair, it was agreed that the Vice Chair would Chair this meeting of the Committee.

### 24. Welcome and Introductions

As there was no one new in the group, there was no need for introductions.

### 25. Opening reflections

The Vice Chair in Chair read a poem by Elizabeth Daryush – For a Survivor of the Mesopotamian campaign about war, reflecting on the current wars across the world.

The Vice Chair welcomed someone to deliver the opening reflections at the next meeting in June.

### 26. Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 17 July 2024 and 20 November 2024 were confirmed as accurate records to be signed by the Chair, subject to the following amendment to the minutes of 20 November 2024:

- in point 16, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph it reads: It was noted Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole had a newly formed interfaith group where 150 people came to tell their stories. This should be amended to read: The newly formed BCP interfaith group held a Living Book event at Bournemouth Library. 150 came to hear about the stories of people from 6 different faiths.

A Committee Member enquired about the outstanding actions detailed within the minutes and the Chair advised he would undertake to check whether any were outstanding and bring them to the next meeting for an update. **ACTION.**

27. Annual report update

The Committee was advised that the Annual Report was completed in September 2024 and there was no further update to be provided at this time.

In response to a query about whether the Committee would see the report before submission to NASACRE, the Education Advisor confirmed she would check the current situation and report back as she understood that had already happened. **ACTION.**

Post meeting note – having checked the minutes of the November meeting, the annual report was not considered at that meeting.

28. Time line for appointment of R.E. Advisor

The Education Advisor advised the Committee that letters were sent out for expressions of interest for the SACRE Advisor position, with the deadline for applications being 10 March 2025.

The reviewing and shortlisting timescale was detailed with the interview process anticipated during week commencing 21 April 2025.

In response to a query from the Vice Chair in the Chair regarding who would be involved in the decision-making process, the Committee was advised that the Education Advisor would check the commissioning arrangements and confirm back. **ACTION.**

29. Funding for SACRE

There was some discussion over the funding BCP SACRE was allocated and it was noted it got £5,000 per year with an increase to approximately £15,000 on years when it was necessary to review the syllabus. The Education Advisor provided an approximate breakdown of how the budget was distributed annually.

In response to a query about the income generated from sharing the syllabus with Dorset and Wiltshire, the Committee was advised that it went back into the budget for syllabus.

The Diocesan Representative circulated a report and chart which highlighted differences between budgets for Dorset, BCP and Wiltshire and acknowledged the difference in budget allocated to BCP during syllabus years which would increase the overall budget provided.

It was noted that BCP had a high number of academies which meant the money received to BCP SACRE could potentially be lower than those of neighbouring authorities, so that context needed to be considered.

It was highlighted that BCP SACRE was working well on the funding provided and that any request for an increase would need to be demonstrated with a need.

There was some further discussion about comparisons and the potential of a review of the funding provided to BCP SACRE and it was highlighted by the Diocesan Representative that the cost of the Clerk and funds the Diocese provided for the local network groups were not included, which increased the overall provision for BCP SACRE.

The Vice Chair in the Chair concluded it was beneficial to have a full understanding of the provision, the need for transparency and to consider what SACRE could do in the future to gain more funding should it be required.

30. Action Plan Update

The RE advisor went through the Action Plan which had been circulated with the agenda.

The Committee was provided an update on Aim A - Core Work and the RE Advisor reassured the Committee that when he attended conferences and events on behalf of SACRE, he split the cost with the other SACRE's he supported.

The RE Advisor provided an update on Aim B and advised of the termly newsletter which was circulated. He requested should any SACRE Members have any information they would like included, then to let him and the Education Advisor know. **ACTION.**

The Committee was of the need to keep an up-to-date database of RE Leads, with the benefits highlighted including gathering feedback on the use of the syllabus and any further support which could be provided. It was noted the arranging of the Conference had assisted with this updating exercise. It was also noted that following its success last year, it was hoped the conference would be an annual event.

The Committee was advised of the ongoing work with the Hub Leads and it was noted further information would be provided about that in the next agenda item.

The Committee was advised of the national and local conferences and events the RE Advisor had attended and the need to consider how the information received at those events could be shared. **ACTION.**

There was some discussion regarding collective worship and the Diocesan Representative circulated Wiltshire's updated SACRE collective worship

content for the Committee's information. It was noted that for the BCP content, the Vice Chair was keen to include some SEND provision.

31. Hub Report

The Diocesan Representative shared a document with the Committee which detailed the Local RE Network/Hub Groups for 2024/25 for Wiltshire, Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and provided some further information on the events shown.

It was highlighted that two of the Committee Members ran 'BCP 1' which held events for BCP and the details of the next event were provided as being on Tuesday 6 May at Kinsleigh Primary School. It was noted that funding stretched to two sessions a year with an online event planned for November.

The Committee was advised of upcoming dates for the diary which included an RE Conference on 26 March which was available for free to SACRE Committee Members and would be held on Zoom. Should any members wish to attend, they were advised to contact the Diocesan Representative. **ACTION.**

The Vice Chair in Chair advised of a meeting of SEND Teachers from BCP and Dorset who were RE Leads and the plan to set up an official Hub for SEND RE provision.

Any Other Business

A Committee Member highlighted a future event that needed to be notified to all BCP schools. The Committee was advised that the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation had recently purchased the Bournemouth Reform Synagogue. It was planned that in February 2027 there would be a two-week exhibition about the Jewish way of life in the Synagogue. Once further details were known, they would be shared with the Committee.

32. Dates of future meetings

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting was 18 June 2025, and the clerk advised that there were set dates up until March 2026 which she would email out to the Committee. **ACTION.**

The meeting ended at 5.05 pm

CHAIR



**BCP SACRE action plan – updated May 2025**

Aim	Actions	Timescales	People Responsible	Cost	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025	Spring 2026
<b>A. CORE BUSINESS</b>  To be a supportive and proactive SACRE enjoying full and well-informed membership	1. Fill membership vacancies	Ongoing	SACRE Chair SACRE Clerk		BCP SACRE is representative of the BCP area. However, this needs to be constantly monitored Reviewed at each meeting		
	2. SACRE members attend termly SACRE meetings (3 per year) and, when possible, teacher meetings and training events	Termly SACRE meetings: Summer 2025 Autumn 2025 Spring 2026	SACRE Chair/SACRE Advisor SACRE members SACRE Clerk	SACRE Advisor to prepare and attend x3 SACRE meetings a year SACRE Clerk to administer each meeting LA officers and Advisor prep time	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025 4pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025 4pm	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 4pm
	3. Produce annual SACRE Report	Autumn Term each year	SACRE Chair	SACRE chair	Gather data for the report (ongoing)	Complete draft Autumn 2025	To be completed Jan 2026 and sent to NASACRE by end of Feb 2026
	4. Review the action plan at each meeting and discuss updates	At each SACRE meeting	SACRE Advisor and SACRE	SACRE Advisor time	At each SACRE meeting	At each SACRE meeting	At each SACRE meeting
	5. Subscribe to NASACRE Representation at annual AGM & conference Attend other useful events	Ongoing	SACRE clerk  SACRE Advisor	Subscription £105? <i>NASACRE Conference and AGM</i> – should we attend?	<i>NASACRE AGM</i> During this term	Subscription rate £105?	SW SACRE conference usually March DR will attend
	6. Provide and review the agreed syllabus for RE	Review complete – launched January 2023	Agreed Syllabus conference from SACRE	Extra funding allocated for the process	Review completed – syllabus launched January 2023 – establish a teacher conference to follow up annually		
	7. Monitor and advise on Collective Worship	ongoing	SACRE RE Advisors to feedback national developments	SACRE to decide on the time and support needed – costs may apply	At each SACRE meeting	At each SACRE meeting	At each SACRE meeting
<b>B.</b>	1. Provide a RE teachers and	Build on the recent 2	SACRE (& Advisor)	Part of extra syllabus funding	Conference held in November 2024	Follow up through HLP networks etc – hopefully establish an annual conference –	

To support teachers of RE to continually improve RE learning in their schools	leaders conference	conferences in January 2023 and November 2024– can this become a regular event?		costs for the launch – subsequent ones can be paid for by delegate charges	TBD if this is a good month to keep or if we switch to a different time	need to engage more with BCP RE Leaders	
	2. Keeping up to date with RE News	ongoing	SACRE Advisor	None to SACRE	Making sure SACRE and teachers are connected and updated through engaging with or membership in NATRE, AREAIC, REQM, RE Hubs, RE Online, Culham St Gabriel's, etc – information circulated in SACREs and newsletters/networks		
	3. Collate and distribute a termly newsletter – these can include NASACRE etc updates	Termly	SACRE Advisor – SACRE members to offer suggestions	Advisor time	Newsletter sent April 2025  SACRE members encouraged to contribute content	Newsletter due Sept 2025  SACRE members encouraged to contribute content	Newsletter due Jan 2026  SACRE members encouraged to contribute content
	4. Connect with RE leaders (for example through the Hub lead networks)	termly	TBD	Advisor time and SACRE members (HLPs) T. Willis/S Jones	Hub networks now running – Advisor to support if needed- dates to be sent out to schools Autumn term 2025 – feedback at each SACRE from HLPs		
	5. To support regional RE conferences and engage in other RE CPD opportunities	Ongoing – particular focus on the CREative REinspiring RE Conference: Every March	SACRE members and Advisor	n/a at present	Feedback analysed – steering group to consider the next conference content and speakers	Finalise the content for March 2026– virtual RE conference (SACRE RE Advisor is on the steering group) Advertise and encourage attendance through newsletter and HLP networks	