

# Notice of Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education



Date: Wednesday, 17 July 2024 at 4.00 pm

Venue: Teams Meeting (Online)

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## Membership:

### 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  
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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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?

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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. Apologies</b><br>To receive any apologies for absence from members of the Committee.   |               |
| <b>2. Welcome and Introductions: LFH</b>   | Verbal Report |
| <b>3. Opening reflection: Vince Saunders</b>   | Verbal Report |
| <b>4. Confirmation of Minutes</b><br>To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2024.   | 5 - 8         |
| <b>5. Succession plan for our new chair and vice chair: LFH</b>  | Verbal Report |
| <b>6. Action Plan: DR</b><br>1. Including ways to engage teachers + hubs NC<br>2. RE Conference (proposed date 20 November 2024) DR/ GP  | 9 - 10        |
| <b>7. Interfaith week: LFH</b>   | Verbal Report |
| <b>8. Holocaust memorial day: LFH</b>  | Verbal Report |
| <b>9. Equality and Diversity update</b>  | Verbal Report |
| <b>10. Meeting dates 2024 / 2025 (proposed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 20 November (face to face after the RE conference)</li><li>• 12 March 2025</li><li>• 2 July 2025</li></ul> |               |

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, 13TH MARCH, 2024**

**Present:** Lynda Ford-Horne in the Chair

R Lawton, B Joshi, S Hawksworth, P Thomson,  
J Kelly, N Coupe, V Saunders, Cllr M Le Poidevin,  
Cllr R Burton, Cllr M Cox, D Pegg and Maaria  
Kanamia

G Pinder David Rees

**147 Welcome and introduction**

Lynda Ford-Horne, in the Chair, welcomed members of the BCP SACRE to the meeting.

**148 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Deneen Kenchington, Trevor Willis, and Shellie Jones-Kingsley.

**149 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 18 October 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

**150 Hubs**

The SACRE received an update on activity within the hubs and networks as well as further details regarding upcoming hub training sessions. The Committee was advised of the rescheduling of a cancelled hub training session and the future sessions that were scheduled.

An update was received regarding network meetings that had been held as well as the future meeting dates and the attendance.

Details were shared regarding the upcoming autumn term hub lead practitioner training with the date to be confirmed.

**151 Matters arising not covered in the meeting**

There were no matters raised regarding items not covered in the meeting.

**152 Position in schools**

The SACRE was updated on the positive work taking place in schools and informed that there were no specific reports or concerns to raise by schools. However, if schools were to raise concerns about community tensions there are community teams within BCP that would be able to provide some support.

Details were given regarding the Call to action for high-quality RE to career leaders and to promote students to see the long-term options that the subject offers. As well as offering it as a resource to RE teachers which would be shared with the career leader network.

The Chair advised that the annual letter about Ramadan had been sent to schools to provide information and knowledge to teachers with students who were fasting. Additionally, resources

from the organisation Together for Humanity would be sent to all secondary schools to guide teachers in teaching during the current challenges.

**153 RE advisor's update**

The 2024/25 Action Plan was updated at the beginning of the term and circulated. The action plan was noted, and contributions to the action plan were invited. It was requested that as a part of the released syllabus, more resources be shared with schools to build a bank of resources.

The Newsletter was released in January and the next one was being worked on, with contributions invited.

**154 RE conference**

There was some discussion about whether an RE conference should be held this year, SACRE were keen for an RE conference to be organised.

The SACRE was advised that resources would be limited but there would be resources that could be delivered in-house. An RE conference does allow SACRE members to meet RE teachers and share expertise.

It was agreed that a possible date for the RE conference could align with the next SACRE meeting on 19 June. Discussion would continue outside of the meeting to agree on possible dates for the RE conference to be held.

**155 Inter-faith week and Holocaust Memorial Day**

The Chair reported that the main event for Holocaust Memorial Day was held at the Lighthouse. A second-generation speaker shared her father's story at the event and then engaged with 450 year 8 students at a later visit to Parkstone Grammar School. Additionally, students were given a presentation about Holocaust Memorial Day in the BCP and Dorset area, with approximately 800 children having the opportunity to meet a Holocaust survivor or second-generation survivor.

During the meeting, the Chair suggested that schools should be contacted after interfaith week to see what work they have offered for students within that period and raised this to be added to the agenda for the September meeting. The discussion highlighted that since COVID, schools have been conducting more virtual sessions, which can be beneficial, but they miss the opportunity to meet speakers face to face. It was noted that it has become more difficult to hold events outside of schools due to transport costs for travelling to events, making it more challenging to attend these events.

**156 AOB**

BCP established a new interfaith group, which held its inaugural event, a peace visual, in January. The Chair announced that another peace visual is scheduled for some time in May.

Additionally, the SACRE agreed to reintroduce opening reflections at the start of each SACRE meeting and to include them on the agenda for the next meeting.

**157 Future meeting dates**

The following meeting dates were confirmed for the next academic year: 19 June 2024 (Summer Term), 13 November 2024 (Autumn Term) and 11 March 2025 (Spring Term).

The Chair raised concerns regarding the dates that have been scheduled without SACRE approval and asked if some dates could be changed to work with the Committee's availability.

**Wednesday, 13th March, 2024**

Additionally, it was requested that meeting times be pushed back to after 4.15 pm to cater for teachers' attendance.

**Duration of the meeting:** 4.05 - 5.07 pm

Chairman at the meeting on  
Wednesday, 13 March 2024

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# BCP SACRE action plan – updated March 2024.

Aim	Actions	Timescales	People Responsible	Cost	Summer 2024	Autumn 2024	Winter/Spring 2025
<b>A.</b>  <b>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		
	2. SACRE members attend termly SACRE meetings (3 per year) and, when possible, teacher meetings and training events	Termly SACRE meetings: Summer 2024 Autumn 2024 Spring 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 19 <sup>th</sup> June 4.15pm	Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> March 4.15pm
	3. Produce annual SACRE Report	Autumn Term 2024	SACRE Adviser and clerk with foreword by SACRE Chair	SACRE Adviser x1 day (includes draft and revisions)		Draft to be written	Completed brought to SACRE - Send to NASACRE by Feb 2025
	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 clerk  SACRE Adviser & G Pinder Adviser to find out and inform	Subscription £105 <i>SW SACRE conference fee and advisor time?</i> <i>NASACRE Conference &amp; AGM</i> - SACRE Adviser time to attend NASACRE conference?	NASACRE AGM 2024 York (virtual and face to face) DR attending online	Subscription due £105	SW SACRE conference March 2025 <i>DR to attend feedback to SACRE</i> <i>Strictly RE – Jan 2025?</i>
	6. Review the Locally agreed syllabus and the 5-year cycle	syllabus launched Jan 2023	SACRE	Extra funding allocated for the process	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>B.</b> <i>To support teachers of RE to continually improve RE learning in their schools.</i>	1. Collate and distribute a termly newsletter	Termly	SACRE Adviser – SACRE members to offer suggestions	Adviser time	April 2024	Sept 2024	Jan 2025
	2. <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>Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 2024</i>		
	3. Connect with RE leaders through networks	Ongoing	SACRE teacher reps with support (Hub leads)	T. Willis/S Jones (NC co-ordinating) DR supporting	Hub networks to take priority – BCP teachers not invited to DR networks as agreed		

	4. 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				March 2025 – virtual RE conference
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*Italicised points are up for consideration*

*DR June 2024*