

Notice of Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education



Date: Wednesday, 24 June 2026 at 4.00 pm

Venue: Teams Meeting (Online)

Membership:

Chairman: TBD

Vice Chairman: TBD

E Culy
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

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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If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Nicky Hooley or email Nicky.hooley@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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AIDAN DUNN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

16 June 2026

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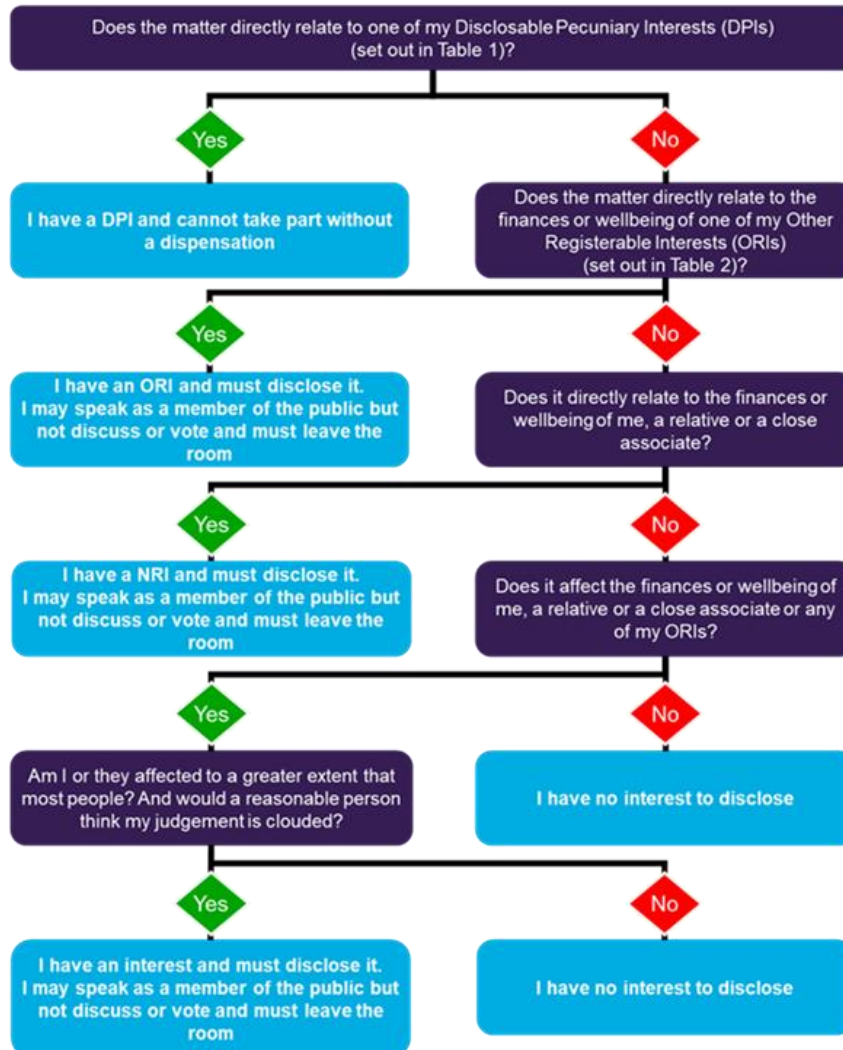


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Bias Test

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?

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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. Election of Chair**
To elect a Chair of the Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education for 2026/27.
- 2. Election of Vice Chair**
To elect a Vice Chair of the Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education for 2026/27
- 3. Apologies**
To receive any apologies for absence
- 4. Welcome and introduction**
- 5. Opening reflection from Esther Culy**
To receive the opening reflection
- 6. Confirmation of Minutes** 5 - 6
To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2026
- 7. Matters arising from minutes**
To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting
- 8. Position of Chair and Vice- Chair** Verbal Report
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- 9. Position of people without DBS checks going into school** Verbal Report
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- 10. Funding update** Verbal Report
To receive a funding update
- 11. Action Plan and RE updates** 7 - 8
To consider the attached Action Plan and RE updates
- 12. Conference date set and a planning team** Verbal Report

To discuss and set the Conference date and a planning team

13. Hubs

To discuss the Hubs

14. Dates for future meetings

The following future meeting dates have been published:

11 Nov 2026 4.00 pm

10 Mar 2027 4.00 pm

15. Any Other Business

To consider any items of urgent business raised

Verbal
Report

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.

STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, 11TH MARCH, 2026

Present: L Ford-Horne (Vice-Chair) in the Chair

Councillors R Lawton, Cllr R Burton,
Cllr M Le Poidevin and E Culy

Also in Attendance:

S Garner, R Hamalienko, B Watt,

Apologies: V Saunders and C Jones

57 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Claire Jones and Vinny Saunders.

58 Welcome

Lynda Ford-Horne welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that she would be chairing this meeting, in her capacity as Vice Chair, due to apologies having been received from the Chair.

59 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th of November 2025 were agreed as a true and correct record.

Voting: unanimous

60 Matters arising from minutes

Interfaith Library event

The Committee were advised that there had been 30-40 attendees at the event, which had lasted for approximately two hours. There had been a lot of interest in the event and questions put to the representatives. A point of learning for the future: some people did not want to circulate quickly, so a method for keeping people moving around the different stalls would be beneficial. Another venue would need to be sought for any further events, as the library is currently closed for works.

There were aspirations to put on such an event in Poole and following a request, an evening event for those who work.

61 Feedback from conference

It was agreed that the date for the next conference should be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

It was discussed that some teachers faced difficulties getting time away from school, so needed to know how the business of the conference would be relevant to their work.

It was agreed that it would be beneficial to have both a primary and secondary teacher involved with planning for the next conference. Rachel and Stuart offered to assist.

The Committee was advised that it was planned to continue to hold the conference at Merley House, as a good working relationship had been established. It was anticipated that a light touch agenda would be ready for the end of the summer term.

62 Action plan and update

Following a brief discussion about the benefits of a student SACRE being established, it was explained that Salisbury Cathedral was keen to run a conference for secondary students but needed teacher input. In response to a point that travel costs for schools was a major consideration, it was explained that there were bodies the Cathedral could apply for funding from.

63 Update on Hubs

Hub meetings would be held on 25 June – secondary schools and 16 June - primary. Further details could be obtained from the Vice Chair.

64 Holocaust Memorial Day

In honour of Holocaust Memorial Day, Parkstone Grammar School held an event for c400 pupils, where, Hana White gave a presentation about her father's art used in the Eichmann trial.

It was agreed that it would be useful to know how many schools recognised Holocaust Memorial Day. It was agreed if this was going to be asked of the schools that it was explained why SACRE was asking the schools and that it was not connected to current world issues.

An action for October 2026: send a reminder re interfaith week, explaining what it is about.

65 Dates of future meetings

BCP SACRE meetings, for the 2026/27 municipal year:

24 Jun 2026 4.00 pm

11 Nov 2026 4.00 pm

10 Mar 2027 4.00 pm

66 Any other business

It was asked if members of the Committee would provide the opening reflection at further meetings. Esther agreed to provide it at the next meeting.

It was advised that Stuart, Ben and Rachel had attended this meeting as observers and would be welcome to join and that NASACRE held training sessions for new attendees.

Duration of the meeting: 4.00 - 5.05 pm

Chairman at the meeting on
Wednesday, 11 March 2026

BCP SACRE action plan – updated June 2026

Aim	Actions	Timescales	People Responsible	Cost	Summer 2026	Autumn 2026	Winter 2027
<p>A. CORE BUSINESS</p> <p>To be a supportive and proactive SACRE enjoying full and well-informed membership</p>	1. Fill membership vacancies	Ongoing	SACRE Chair SACRE Clerk		BCP SACRE is mostly representative of the BCP area. However, this needs to be constantly monitored Reviewed at each meeting		
	2. SACRE members attend termly meetings (3 per year) and, when possible, training events	Termly SACRE meetings: Summer 2026 Autumn 2026 Winter 2027	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	Weds 24 th June 4pm	Weds 11 th November 24pm	Weds 10 th March 2027 4pm
	3. Produce annual SACRE Report	Autumn Term each year	SACRE Chair	SACRE chair	Gather data for the report (ongoing)	Complete draft Autumn 2026	To be completed Jan 2027 and sent to NASACRE by end of Feb 2027
	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. Subscribeto NASACRE Representation at annual AGM & conference Attend other useful events	Ongoing	SACRE clerk SACRE Advisor	Subscription £105? <i>NASACRE Conference and AGM – should we attend?</i>	<i>NASACRE AGM and conference – Mon 18th May - Liverpool</i>	Subscription rate £105?	SW SACRE conference March online DR will attend – SACRE members welcome
	6. Provideand 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 – review process will need to begin 2027		
	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 To support teachers of RE to continually improve RE learning in their schools	1. Provide annual RE teachers and leaders conference	Build on the recent conferences	SACRE (& Advisor)	Partially funded by delegate charges	Conference held in Feb 2026. Follow up through networks and newsletters – hopefully establish an annual conference		Conference to be held Feb 2027 – SACRE to set up a planning team (including advisor)
	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 include NASACRE etc updates	Termly	SACRE Advisor – SACRE members to offer suggestions	Advisor time	Newsletter sent out May 2026	Newsletter due Sept 2026	Newsletter due Jan 2027
	4. Connect with RE leaders (for example through the Hub lead networks)	Termly	Esther Culy and teacher reps	Feedback analysed – steering group to consider the next conference content and speakers	Hub networks being relaunched – Advisor to support if needed - dates to be sent out to schools in advance – feedback at each SACRE from network leaders SACRE website could be developed with supporting documents and resource ideas – links to quality assured providers		
	5. To support regional RE conferences and engage in other RE CPD opportunities	Ongoing – particular focus on the SWSACRE & CREative REinspiring RE Conferences	SACRE members and Advisor				SW SACRE conference March pm online? CREative REinspiring RE Conferences March 2027?
	6. Support individual RE leaders and schools	Ongoing	SACRE chair and advisor	Advisor time	Investigate the possibility of school visits – supportive emphasis		