

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
9TH SEPTEMBER 2019**



Present:

GROUP A

Christian Denominations

The Baptists	Chris Davis
The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches	Ruth Gill
The Catholic Church	Steve Deadman

Other Religions

Baha'i	Elizabeth Jenkerson
Muslim	Anas Al-Korj

GROUP B

The Church of England	Sam Jordan
The Church of England	Alan King

GROUP C

National Association of Headteachers (NAHT)	Sian Carr
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GROUP D

Southampton City Council (Harefield Ward)	Councillor Valerie Laurent
Southampton City Council (Bevois Ward)	Councillor Toqeer Kataria
Southampton City Council (Coxford Ward)	Councillor Matthew Renyard

Non-voting attendees

Co-opted Members:

Professional Cross Phase Adviser – Southampton City Council	Alison Philpott
Bitterne Park Secondary School	Suzanne Underwood

Others:

Meeting Support Officer	Dyfan Rowlands
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Observers:

Senior Commissioner - Healthy Lives	Tim Davis
Yellow Door	Sujala Singh
Southampton City Mission	Matthew Gwyn

1 **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies:

Diocesan Education Team
South Hampshire Humanists
Group D Substitute
Southampton City Council (Bitterne Ward)
Jewish

Richard J. Wharton
Mary Wallbank
Kate Martin
Councillor James Baillie
Dr Gil Dekel

Welcome:

AP welcomed new members Cllr Renyard and Sian Carr to the forum, alongside two observers, Matthew Gwyn (City Mission) and Sujala Singh (Yellow Door).

CD elaborated that Matthew Gwyn has been invited to the meeting given that he himself will be leaving Southampton City Mission in November. CD noted, however, that he would still attend SACRE as a Baptists representative, however felt that it was important to maintain Southampton City Mission’s representation at the meeting.

2 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (3 JUNE 2019) AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes:

Two typing errors were raised: Justine ‘Ball’ instead of ‘Gould’ and ‘Mount’ Pleasant Primary instead of ‘Mr’ Pleasant Primary.

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Matters arising:

- AP confirmed that nothing is to be updated into advice document
- Cost and location of faith-based queries – dates for teacher drop-in have been agreed, which Bitterne Park Secondary School have offered to host
- GCSE RE results – teachers are currently in possession of their own set of results. Once approved, these shall be brought to SACRE
- Mayflower 400 – to be picked up under action plan

CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP

i. Members to vote on removal of Voice from SACRE membership

It had been raised SCC Democratic Services in July that they no longer consult with Voice Union, and thus it was deemed appropriate to remove their representation within SACRE. Thus, a vote will take place to ensure their removal from SACRE:

Group A – All in favour
Group B – All in favour
Group C – All in favour

Group D – All in favour

Result: Vote passed to remove Voice from SACRE with effect from next SACRE meeting

ii. Humanists application to Group A – update

AP noted that full coverage of Group A has not yet been achieved. The stipulation still stands that solely one Group A member need object to the Humanists' joining Group A for this amendment to membership to not take place. RG noted that perhaps a Group A meeting could take place to progress this: CD added, however that this cannot be moved forward until all places are filled within Group A, which is unlikely to ever happen. AP advised, however, that a membership gap could prove, in itself, an issue further in the future. It has also been raised that UK Humanists have changed their stance somewhat, and would now accept to be placed under the 'Other Religions' section of Group A. SCC Legal Team has, however, been resolute in their view that they would not recommend SCC cabinet approve this.

AP requested that all Group A members email her their approval/rejection of Humanists' Group A application, with results of this being reported at the next meeting **(ACTION)**.

Actions Arising:

- All Group A members to email their view of Humanists' Group A application to Alison Philpott prior to next SACRE meeting

4 ACTION PLANNING GROUP MEETINGS

To provide updates on:

- **2018-19 Films (Verbal)** **(AP, AK)**

Both AK and SJ praised the quality of the films created this year, with the hope that these can be presented at the next SACRE meeting **(ACTION)**. Films were deemed to have a strong anti-bullying message, which is positive.

AP noted that the launch of the Pan-Hampshire toolkit for schools at the end of term will seek to use 'Stick and Stones' anti-bullying campaign, with the expectation that this will be presented to a wider audience, including being uploaded on YouTube. AP raised that the project is useful for students at Southampton Solent University, and added that any further ideas for films within RE would be gratefully received from SACRE members. AK noted also that the other film focuses on child collective worship, and praised it due to its step-by-step introduction of practical collective worship. AP affirmed that it should be made clear that SACRE are a live client, and would seek to continue this relationship with Southampton Solent University due to the quality of videos made thus far.

- **Monitoring Group (Verbal)** **(AP, KM, HB, DJ, RW, EJ)**

AP noted that 54% of all schools have received monitoring visits thus far: this consisting of 74% primaries, 38% special/alternative provision and 70% secondaries. Target set for end of current academic year is 72%. Monitoring Group are on track for all schools to have had visit in the six year cycle that has been set as a guideline. AP stated that it would be beneficial

to have 3/4 other people to join the Monitoring Group, with the hope that members will be asked to sign up to at least two visits and will go through the locally agreed syllabus ahead of visits. SC raised that Monitoring Group visits were positive for her school, with some of the work completed in the visits going into the school's whole development plan for this year.

AP noted that SACRE drop-in meeting for RE leaders and teachers will take place on 25th September, at Bitterne Park Secondary School, with the idea that as many SACRE members and observers would attend to answer questions from RE teachers. Carol Cunio, SCOF, will also be liaised with to gauge whether other members from faith groups can attend also to ensure wider invitation.

Both CD and AA-K confirmed that they would be happy to form part of the monitoring group if dates are provided sufficiently in advance.

AP presented action plan from previous year. Green section within action plan shows 5/7 fully met actions. Orange section of action plan pertains to film clips not yet uploaded onto website for use.

Review and reissue audit is marked as red on action plan, as this had not been completed at the time – however, this has recently been carried out.

AP reported further that training has been commissioned for SACRE member in July, and noted that she would seek to find out when the next training session would be. On Wednesday 13th November, a One City, No Barriers event will take place at Richard Taunton College, where Year 8 students are able to have learning opportunity in speaking to SACRE reps about faith. CD noted that he would liaise with other members of City Mission to ensure a representative attends on his behalf.

Actions Arising:

- Possibility of films to be presented at November SACRE meeting
- Members to email AP to indicate availability on the 13th November for the one city no barriers event at Richard Taunton College

6 NEW RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION GUIDANCE

It was agreed that as many SACRE members as possible should be involved in the working group to develop advice around the guidance to become statutory in September 2020

7 OFSTED FRAMEWORK CHANGES

AP confirmed that new OFSTED framework is in place as of now, with inspections have started this week. SC noted that it may be evident that more RE-specific content will be contained within inspection reports. EJ corroborated this, adding that it had been specifically mentioned that this would be the case. AP said we cannot expect to see RE specifically mentioned in all reports – if inspectors choose to complete a “Deep dive” in RE then we could expect to see more comments and potential actions

AP confirmed that findings relevant to RE and Collective Worship should constitute a standing item on the SACRE agenda, with any new reports received to be discussed at future meetings **(ACTION)**.

EJ informed that the Secretary of State for Education had replied to a letter sent by Paul Smalley, Chair of NASACRE, that he would not be setting a set amount/percentage for SACRE to receive to carry on its work. Should SACRE not be getting the funding it requires, they should contact the Secretary of State for Education and this will be addressed accordingly. AP felt that SACRE receives good funding for her time, meeting support time for minutes and opportunity to commission, for example training for RE leaders in Primary.

Actions Arising:

- Findings relevant to RE and Collective Worship to form standing item on future SACRE agendas

8 OTHER EVENTS AND LINKED WORK

Mayflower 400

SJ provided background on the content of the Mayflower 400 project, spearheaded by Neil Maddock. It had been raised in January whether schools could be involved to endorse and support this project, such as assemblies or bespoke RE lessons for each phase. A grant had been sought to this effect, however the Jerusalem Trust are not able to award grant for such events. SJ noted also that she would have less capacity to become involved in this due to being employed by the Diocese.

AP said that unless there is a particular passionate response from SACRE members towards driving this, it may be advisable to solely offer support where appropriate however ensure that links to the event are not closed off. SJ noted further that if schools declare their interest in this, then traction could be built. AP recommended that the Films Project could perhaps be utilised and for assemblies to be used as a vehicle to deliver them, with the Film Project itself presenting the background story. Films will be ready for viewing by end of May 2020, thus Neil Maddock may be looking into this as a potential option.

SJ confirmed that she would follow up the notion of assemblies for Mayflower 400 with AK **(ACTION)**. CD added that he would also liaise with Neil Maddock to gauge update regarding the project **(ACTION)**.

Actions Arising:

- SJ to liaise with Neil Maddock regarding assemblies idea for Mayflower 400 project
- CD to liaise with Neil Maddock to receive update on project for next SACRE meeting

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AOB

Date: **18th November 2019**

Time: **17:00 – 18:30**

Venue: **Committee Room 1, Civic Centre**

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
MEMBERSHIP**

GROUP A

Christian Denominations*

(Religions and other bodies listed in the SACRE Constitution)*

The Roman Catholic Church	Steve Deadman	
The Baptists	Chris Davis (Southampton City Mission)	
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	VACANCY	
The Greek Orthodox Church	VACANCY	
The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches	Ruth Gill	
The Methodist Church	VACANCY	
The United Reformed Church	Susanne Dawson	
The Assemblies of God	Neil Maddock	
The Salvation Army	VACANCY	

Other Religions

Religions other than Christianity (as listed in the SACRE Constitution) – Baha’i, Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism = 6

Baha’i		Elizabeth Jenkerson	
Buddhist		VACANCY	
Hindu		VACANCY	
Jewish		Dr Gil Dekel	
Muslim		Anas Al-Korj	
Sikh		VACANCY	

GROUP B

(Four representatives of the Church of England)

The Church of England

Rev Duncan Jennings	
Allan King	
Sam Jordan	

From diocesan education team:

Richard Wharton	
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GROUP C

(Six teachers representing associations recognised by the Authority for the purposes of consultation and negotiation)

National Education Union (NEU)	Jackie Meering
The National Association of Schoolmasters/ Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)	David Parrott
Voice	Dr R Palmer
The Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)	Susanne Woodman
Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)	VACANCY
National Association of Headteachers (NAHT)	Sian Carr

GROUP D

(4+substitute) - Four representatives of Southampton City Council, at least two of whom shall be elected members of the City Council)

Councillor Matthew Renyard	
Councillor James Baillie	
Councillor Valerie Laurent	
Councillor Toqeer Kataria	

GROUP D SUBSTITUTE	Mrs. Kate Martin
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OTHERS (Non-voting)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Representative	Mary Wallbank	South Hampshire Humanists
Professional Advisor	Alison Philpott	Southampton City Council
Secondary RE Lead Rep	Suzanne Underwood	Bitterne Park Secondary School

OBSERVER

None at present

ASC Group (2016 – 2017)

Claire Belli (Springwell Special School)	
Susanne Woodman (Hope Free School)	

