

# A G E N D A

## STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Kent Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education will be held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 28th November, 2017 at 9.30 am

NB Group pre-meetings at 9.15am in the meeting room

*Refreshments will be available from 9.15am*

### UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

*(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)*

1. Membership

To note the membership of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education as follows

**Group 1** (Christian and Other Religious Denominations) – Miss J Webb, Mrs E May, Mrs J Wigg, Mrs F Hawkes, Miss S Malone, Mrs C Elapatha, Mr Papadopoulos, Mr R Chakkedath, Mrs N Younosi, Vacancy – Sikh community, Mrs J Grant

**Group 2** (Church of England) – Ms N Brownfield, Mrs V E Corbyn and Ms C Bostock, Mrs B Naden, Miss R Walters, Mrs N Paterson

**Group 3** (Teacher Associations) – Mr W Chambers, Ms K Burke, Mrs R Joyce, Mr A Fowler, Mrs Caisley

**Group 3** (Co-opted Members) Miss T Kelve, Miss E Pope, Mr A Gillespie

**Group 4** (Local Authority) Mrs C Bell, Mrs T Dean, Mr S Manion, Mr M J Northey

2. Apologies for Absence/Substitutes

To receive apologies for absence and notification of any substitutes present

3. Declarations of Interests

To receive any declarations of interests

4. Minutes of the last meeting (Pages 5 - 8)

To receive and agree the minutes of the last meeting of the SACRE on 14 June 2017.

5. Minutes of the SACRE Conference (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive and note the minutes of the SACRE Conference held on 14 June 2017, to note that that the work of the Conference has been completed and agree that the Conference is now disbanded

6. National Reports  
**Interim report on commission**  
<http://www.commissiononre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Commission-on-Religious-Education-Interim-Report-2017.pdf>  
  
**Commission on Religious Education Interim Report Consultation**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CoREConsult1>  
  
**The state of the Nation: A report on Religious Education provision within secondary schools in England:**  
<http://www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/State-of-the-Nation-Report-2017.pdf>
7. Annual Report 2016/17 - Verbal Update  
Members of SACRE are asked to note the progress of the annual report
8. Budget Update (Pages 11 - 12)  
To receive the SACRE Forecast Report 2017-2018
9. Proposed Amendment to the SACRE Constitution (Pages 13 - 14)  
SACRE is asked to agree an amendment to paragraph 5 of its constitution to read *"SACRE may also include co-opted members. Co-opted members will be appointed to the most appropriate group and will have a voice but not a vote within that group."*
10. Kent SACRE Development Day (Pages 15 - 16)  
To receive an update on the Kent SACRE Development Day scheduled to take place on Wednesday 13 June 2018.
11. Report on the recent meeting of SACRE Chairs (Pages 17 - 18)  
To receive an update from the SACRE Chairs Meeting on 9 October 2017.
12. Launch of the Interfaith Forum in Kent (Pages 19 - 20)  
The receive the report on the launch of the Interfaith Forum in Kent on 14 November 2017
13. Agreed Syllabus on Religious Education for Schools - Review of First Two Launches  
To review the events held on 21 and 22 November to launch the Agreed Syllabus on Religious Education for Primary Schools

### **Prevent Briefing for SACRE Members**

*THIS IS NOT PART OF THE PUBLIC MEETING*

*Following the meeting there will be a 30 minute Prevent Briefing for SACRE Members.*

## **EXEMPT ITEMS**

*(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)*

### **Prevent Briefing for SACRE Members**

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**Monday, 20 November 2017**

*Please note that any background documents referred to in the accompanying papers maybe inspected by arrangement with the officer responsible for preparing the relevant report.*

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**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
(SACRE)**

MINUTES of a meeting of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) held in the Society of Friend meeting House, 6 The Friars, Canterbury CT1 2AS on Wednesday, 14 June 2017.

PRESENT: Mr S C Manion (Chairman), Mrs N Younosi (Vice-Chairman), Miss C Bostock, Ms K Burke, Mrs J Grant, Mrs B Naden, Mr M J Northey, Mr M Papadopoulos, Mrs N Paterson, Miss J Webb and Mrs J Wigg

ALSO PRESENT: Ms P Smith-Orr (Consultant) and Anna Taylor (clerk)

**UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

**130. Election of Chairman**  
*(Item 1)*

1. The clerk welcomed members to the meeting and asked for nominations for Chairman.
2. Mrs Younosi nominated Mr S Manion as Chairman and Miss Webb seconded that nomination.
3. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED that Mr Manion be elected Chairman of Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE).

**131. Election of Vice-Chairman**  
*(Item 2)*

1. Mr Manion nominated Mrs Younosi as Vice-Chairman and Miss Webb seconded that nomination.
2. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED that Mrs Younosi be elected Vice-Chairman of SACRE.

**132. Membership**  
*(Item 3)*

1. Mrs Younosi requested that SACRE consider appointing Mrs Grant as a permanent member. Mr Papadopoulos proposed and Mr Manion seconded that Mrs Jackie Grant should be invited to be a permanent Member of SACRE.

2. This was agreed by all Members.

RESOLVED that Mrs Grant be a permanent Member of SACRE.

**133. Minutes 7 March 2017 and any matters arising**  
(Item 6)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 7 March be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

**134. Budget update**  
(Item 7)

1. The Chairman welcomed Mr Bartley, from the Church of Latter Day Saints, to the meeting.
2. In response to a question from Mrs Younosi Ms Smith-Orr confirmed that following a discussion with the KCC colleague the £10,000 for the syllabus review was available.
3. Members asked what the costs allocated to 'Corporate Property, Kent Estate Management' were made up of.

POST MEETING NOTE:

4. Members considered moving meetings currently held in Oakwood House to Sessions House. Ms Smith-Orr undertook to investigate refreshments and parking arrangements at Sessions House. It was noted that Mrs Burke does not drink hot drinks.

RESOLVED that Members noted the Budget update.

**135. Local & National Events**  
(Item 8)

1. A Primary Conference, Knowing You Knowing Me was due to take place on 5 July. This was due to include 4 pupils and accompanying adults from 27 schools around Kent and would be held at Highworth Grammar School, Ashford.

**NASACRE AGM – 16 May 2017 York**

2. The Chairman read out a brief report from Rabbi Cohen who had attended the NASACRE. Mrs Younosi explained that she had been attending NASACRE since its inception, she had felt on occasion that the cost and time made the meeting prohibitive to attend. Mrs Younosi and Mr Manion were keen that members represent SACRE rather than their personal agenda or their own faith.
3. There was a suggestion that the money usually spent on the conference be used for team building event for SACRE.

4. One Member concurred with the comments made about the conference but raised concerns over a Local Education Authority area the size of Kent not being represented at a national level.
5. In response to a question about whether it was possible to see what was on the agenda in advance of the conference the items were available but not before booking took place.
6. Ms Smith-Orr suggested that SACRE put forward one representative to the NASACRE and also held a team building day. Ms Smith-Orr undertook to prepare some information for a team building day.

#### **Update on National Commission by the REC**

7. Ms Smith-Orr updated Members on the National Commission by the Religious Education Council. She explained that the final conclusions would be available in another year but the report and conclusions were available on the following link: [www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk](http://www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk)
8. The consultation closed on 31 July and one Member asked how schools were being made aware of the consultation? Ms Smith-Orr confirmed that it had been advertised and she would check whether it was on the 'Kelsi' website.
9. A couple of Members commented that Kelsi was not being used in schools and information was not being passed on. Mr Northey confirmed that if Members felt that SACRE was not prominent enough they should make an official request to KCC.

#### **Teachers Hub**

10. A Teachers Hub was being held in Gillingham on Saturday 17 June. This was organised by Canterbury Christ Church University and involved both primary and secondary colleagues looking at issues such as understanding Christianity.
11. SACRE contributed £200 out of last year's budget to the Teachers Hub and the attendees were volunteers. Sometimes the Hub was held in a school so no venue cost was incurred.

RESOLVED that

- a. 1 SACRE Member would attend NASACRE and Ms Smith-Orr would organise a SACRE development day over the summer.
- b. Ms Smith-Orr and Mr Manion write to Mr Roger Gough on behalf of SACRE requesting that SACRE is made more prominent on the Kelsi website.

#### **136. Dates of 2017 Meetings** (Item 9)

RESOLVED that Members note the dates of 2017 meetings.

### **137. Dates of 2018 Meetings**

*(Item 10)*

RESOLVED that the meeting dates for 2018 be as follows:

#### **Briefings**

5 February 2018 (change from 10 Feb)

21 May 2018

22 October 2018 (change from 22 Oct)

#### **SACRE Meetings**

6 March 2018

26 June 2018

27 November 2018

### **138. Guest Speaker from Friends Meeting House**

*(Item 11)*

Unfortunately no speaker was available at this meeting.

### **139. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent**

*(Item 12)*

1. The Chairman expressed his horror at the recent events in Manchester and London. At the Chairman's request a minute's silence was observed; Mrs Younosi offered a prayer.
2. Mrs Younosi discussed with Members the meaning of the word 'hijab', which meant not just head scarf or veil but also modesty. Muslims observed hijab by not drawing unwanted attention to themselves.
3. The meaning of the word 'Jihad' was a personal struggle to lead a good life and do right; she explained that suicide was a sin for a practising Muslim; a cardinal sin and one of the Ten Commandments which in Islam were the same as in Judaism and Christianity, given to Moses by God.
4. There were concerns that some individuals carrying out the attacks were brainwashed converts who were not brought up with the religion. It was completely against Islam to take any life especially innocent life; a huge problem in Islam was illiteracy and the desire for some to have power.



## **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KENT)**

### **CONFERENCE TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND THE AGREED SYLLABUS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

MINUTES of a SACRE meeting held in the Society of Friend meeting House, 6 The Friars, Canterbury CT1 2AS on Wednesday, 14 June 2017.

PRESENT: Mr S C Manion, Mrs N Younosi, Miss C Bostock, Ms K Burke, Mrs J Grant, Mrs B Naden, Mr M J Northey, Mr M Papadopoulos, Mrs N Paterson, Miss J Webb and Mrs J Wigg

IN ATTENDANCE: Penny Smith-Orr (Consultant Advisor)

#### **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

##### **140. Election of Chairman**

1. It was duly proposed and seconded that Mr S Manion be elected as Chairman of the SACRE Conference meeting.

RESOLVED that Mr S Manion be elected Chairman of SACRE

##### **141. Election of Vice-Chairman**

1. It was duly proposed and seconded that Mrs N Younosi be elected as Vice-Chairman of the SACRE.

RESOLVED that Mrs N Younosi be elected Vice-Chairman of SACRE.

##### **142. Membership**

RESOLVED that the Membership be noted.

##### **143. Minutes 7 March 2017 and any matters arising**

1. It was noted that at the meeting on 7 March Rabbi Cohen was not part of the meeting during voting.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March were a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

##### **144. Report on the Agreed syllabus working party (27th March and 26th May)**

1. Ms Smith-Orr gave a presentation to SACRE Members, some of which had been presented by Lat Blaylock to the working party. The presentation is available here: [The 'RE Today' Model Agreed Syllabus](#)

14 JUNE 2017

2. It was a legal requirement to have a 5 year review of the RE syllabus and Ms Smith-Orr talked Members through the above presentation.
3. Members thanked Ms Smith-Orr for the huge amount of work that had gone into reviewing the RE syllabus.
4. The Kent SACRE agreed that there was no need for any future meetings of the Conference to review and recommend the agreed syllabus for RE.

RESOLVED that SACRE Members note the report on the agreed syllabus working party.

**145. Future Dates**

RESOLVED Members agreed that no future meetings were needed at this stage.

**146. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent**

There were no other items.

# CP Forecast

## SACRE 2017-18

Oracle Month: **7** <- Select number of Oracle Periods that have happened  
**5** = number of periods left

		Working Budget	YTD	Variance
Subj				
External Room Hire	<b>120000</b>	£ 200.00	£ -	( 200.00)
Internal Room Hire (Oakwood)	<b>122000</b>	£ 200.00	£ 267.00	£ 67.00
Public Transport (Officers & Members)	<b>230000</b>	£ 400.00	£ -	( 400.00)
Mileage expenses	<b>242000</b>	£ 400.00	£ 382.53	( 17.00)
Postage	<b>310000</b>	£ 100.00	£ 0.51	( 99.00)
Refreshments	<b>342000</b>	£ 100.00	£ 116.15	£ 16.00
Printing	<b>350000</b>	£ 200.00	£ -	( 200.00)
Specialists Fees	<b>401000</b>	£ 500.00	£ 1,050.00	£ 550.00
Conference Expenses	<b>440000</b>	£ 200.00	£ 300.00	£ 100.00
Subscriptions	<b>451000</b>	£ 100.00	£ -	( 100.00)
Payments to Academies	<b>521000</b>	£ -	£ 118.87	£ 119.00
Oakwood House refreshments	<b>646000</b>	£ 200.00	£ 129.91	( 70.00)
Payments to Schools	<b>680000</b>	£ 2,400.00	£ 120.00	( 2,280.00)
		<b>£ 5,000.00</b>	<b>£ 2,484.97</b>	<b>( 2,515.00)</b>

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From: John Lynch, Head of Democratic Services  
 To: Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education  
 Subject: Amendment to the SACRE's Constitution

Classification: **Unrestricted**

**Past Pathway of Paper:** None

**Future Pathway of Paper:** None

**Electoral Division:** not applicable

**Summary:** It is proposed to amend the constitution of Kent SACRE to ensure it is fully aligned with the Circular published by the Department for Education governing the operation of SACREs.

**Recommendation(s):**

SACRE is asked to agree an amendment to paragraph 5 of its constitution to read *"SACRE may also include co-opted members. Co-opted members will be appointed to the most appropriate group and will have a voice but not a vote within that group.*

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 In accordance with Circular 1/94 published by the Department for Education on 31 January 1994 Kent County Council has established a Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) which meets three times annually.
- 1.2 It has recently come to light that the constitution of the Kent SACRE does not fully conform to the requirements of the Paragraph 108 of Circular number 1/94. In particular paragraph 5 of the constitution and paragraph 108 of the circular could be interpreted in different ways.
- 1.3 It is therefore proposed to amend the constitution to ensure both documents are fully aligned.

**2. Requirements of Circular 1/94**

- 2.1 Paragraph 103 of Circular number 1/94 published by the Department for Education on 31 January 1994 says that a SACRE is to comprise of four or five groups representing:

Group A - Christian denominations and other religious and religious denominations

Group B – the Church of England

Group C – associations representing teachers

Group D – the local education authority

Group E – under certain circumstances, governing bodies of those grant maintained schools equivalent to county or voluntary controlled schools (Kent SACRE has not included a Group E in its membership)

2.2 Paragraph 108 of Circular number 1/94 published by the Department for Education on 31 January 1994 says that:

*“On any question to be decided by a SACRE the representative groups listed in paragraph 103 each have a single vote. The grant maintained school representative (prior to the establishment of a grant maintained schools group) and co-opted members do not have a vote. Decisions within a group about how that vote is to be cast do not require unanimity. Each group is to regulate its own proceedings, including provision for resolving deadlock”.*

### 3. SACRE’s Constitution

3.1 The membership of the Kent SACRE is set out in appendix 1 of its constitution and comprises of four groups as required by the circular and listed in paragraph 21.1 above

3.2 Paragraph 5 of the Kent SACRE’s constitution also states that

*SACRE may also include co-opted members. Co-opted members will be appointed to the most appropriate group and will be able to vote within that group.*

### 4. Conclusion

4.1 As there is potential for confusion it is proposed that paragraph 5 of the constitution be amended to read:

*SACRE may also include co-opted members. Co-opted members will be appointed to the most appropriate group and will have a voice but not a vote within that group*

### 5. Recommendation

5.1 SACRE is asked to agree an amendment to paragraph 5 of its constitution to read *SACRE may also include co-opted members. Co-opted members will be appointed to the most appropriate group and will have a voice but not a vote within that group.*

### 6. Background Documents

There are no background documents

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**From:** Penny Smith-Orr

**To:** Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

**Subject: Kent SACRE Development Day Wednesday 13th June 2018**

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Summary:** To receive an update on the Kent SACRE Development Day being held on Wednesday 13 June 2018.

**Recommendation:** SACRE is asked to note the agenda for the SACRE Development Day for SACRE Members.

At the Summer meeting of Kent SACRE in 2017 it was proposed that there be a training and development day for SACRE members.

This will be a day where members can spend time finding out about each other and how we can work together to ensure that religious education is being taught effectively in the schools in Kent.

This will be timely in view of the commission on RE reports and the new syllabus which will have been launched and in use by summer 2018.

This will take place at either Oakwood House or County Hall or Highworth School on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 from 10-3pm and will be led by the RE Consultant, Penny Smith-Orr with input from the teachers group.

Please put the date in your diaries now.

**The day will cover the following topics:**

- What exactly is religious education (RE) and collective worship (CW) in school?
- How to be a Good and Effective SACRE
- The contribution of SACRE to Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education in schools
- The new syllabus and how teachers plan for teaching
- How can SACRE monitor RE and CW in schools.

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**From:** Nicky Younosi

**To:** Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

**Subject:** Meeting of SACRE Chairs on 9 October 2017

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Summary:** To receive an update of the SACRE Chairs from East Sussex, West Sussex, Brighton and Hove, Hampshire County Council.

**Recommendation:** SACRE is asked to note the Meeting of the SACRE Chairs

- SACRE Chairs from East Sussex, west Sussex, Brighton and Hove, Hampshire County Councils attended. Kent SACRE was represented by Steve Manion and Nicky Younosi. Also in attendance was the East Sussex RE Consultant.
- Meeting was called and hosted by East Sussex to explore ways of supporting regional SACREs, sharing ideas, information and best practice. The group agreed this was a positive way forward.
- Role of SACRE was discussed along with the RE Commission Interim Report and the State of the Nation report.
- Information share:
  - the group was made aware of the geography and size of Kent; the counties present were small in comparison, in fact the number of schools in these counties was, if not the same then, less than schools in one Kent district.
  - One local SACRE holds an annual conference for teachers with workshops on the various faiths represented in the county. This was to enable teachers who often are not RE specialists and find even teaching Christianity difficult.
  - Some SACREs look at OfSTED reports. SACRE members are allocated schools and after OfSTED read the reports on line and report to the Chair. If needed SACRE contacts and supports the school.
  - SACREs advise schools on faith issues
  - Some SACREs have a co-opted member to represent Academies.
  - Some SACREs have training and induction for new members.
  - Some SACREs have regular training days for members.
  - Foundation Stage was discussed. It was agreed SACREs should contact FS and offer training and advise to ensure RE is positively part of this stage curriculum.
- Future collaboration was a positive way forward. It was agreed the group meets twice a year. The next meeting to be in Lent on 09.04.2018.
- Medway SACRE to be invited to join the group.

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**From:** Penny Smith-Orr

**To:** Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

**Subject:** Report on the launch of the Interfaith Forum in Kent on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Summary:** To receive the report on the launch of the Interfaith Forum in Kent on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Recommendation:** SACRE is asked to note the report on the Interfaith forum

During Interfaith Week 2017 there was a meeting at County Hall in Maidstone of people interested in starting an Interfaith Forum for Kent.

We were welcomed by the Bishop of Dover and Mike Hill, KCC Cabinet Member for Community and regulatory Services.

There was a large audience who listened to six speakers who talked about individual faith forums within Kent, Kent SACRE, and also a speaker from Medway and one from Croydon who gave ideas of the type of events they hold and how they started up.

There was a lively debate after the speakers the main points of which were;

What are the key things that Kent could learn from the experiences of other interfaith forums

Kent is a very large area and it might be difficult to organise a Kent wide forum

There are some interfaith groups already running and in some areas people have tried to start a group without success.

Who should be involved in the forum and how can people contact each other.

Mike Hill made some closing remarks and said that the Council would look at making a website page for Interfaith activities and collect contacts from across Kent. He also suggested that there should be another planning meeting in a few months' time to update people on how their suggestions were being taken forward.

Afterwards many people stayed behind for half an hour to talk to the speakers and exchange details. It was a very productive evening and hopefully the Council will be able to act as an umbrella for more Interfaith forums around Kent.

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