

# Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the meeting held virtually on Wednesday 30th March 2022 at 6.00 pm

## SACRE Membership and Attendance

<b>GROUP A: Faiths and beliefs other than C of E</b>	<b>Present/Apologies/ Absent</b>	<b>GROUP B: The Church of England</b>	<b>Present/Apologies/ Absent</b>
Jo Backus Buddhist <b>Vice-Chair</b>	Present	Shaun Burns - (Southwark Diocesan Board of Education) <b>Chair</b>	Apologies
Andrew Dart Christianity - Methodist	Present	Esther Moorey – (School Chaplain)	Absent
Christianity - Majority Black Churches	<i>Vacancy</i>	Sue Musgrove (Children and Families Minister)	Apologies
Christianity - Roman Catholic	<i>Vacancy</i>	Sarah Thorley (Retired Independent RE Consultant)	Absent
Christianity - United Reformed Church	<i>Vacancy</i>		
Shanti Briody Caribbean Hindu	Present		
Umar Mahmood Islam	Absent		
Judaism	<i>Vacancy</i>		
Lady Kanwaljit Kaur Singh Sikhism	Present		
Charley Jarrett Humanism	Present		
<b>GROUP C: Teachers</b>	<b>Present/Apologies/ Absent</b>	<b>GROUP D: LA</b>	<b>Present/Apologies/ Absent</b>
Pat Bennett NEU	Absent	Cllr Marcia Cameron Elected Member	Apologies
Denise Henry NEU	Absent	Cllr Pauline George Elected Member	Apologies
NAHT	<i>Vacancy</i>	Cllr Christiana Valcarcel Elected Member	Absent
Primary RE Subject Leader	<i>Vacancy</i>	Penny Smith-Orr RE Consultant for Lambeth SACRE	Present
Jason McInnis Secondary School RS Teacher Rep.	Apologies	Kathryn Shaw LA Officer	Present
		Monique Bertrand LA Officer	Present
<b>Other</b>		<b>Co-Opted.</b>	
Maria Gabrielczyk – <b>Clerk</b>	In attendance	Prevent Officer Lydia Nixon	Absent

## 1. **Welcome & Introductions.**

Jo opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

## 2. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from: Shaun Burns, Jason McInnes, Cllr George, Cllr Cameron and Sue Musgrove.

Rabbi Myers sent his apologies and also his resignation. His synagogue has closed down and he has moved out of the area. Rabbi Myers has enjoyed his time on the Lambeth SACRE.

Jo informed that the meeting was not quorate and suggested that the membership will need to be reviewed with additional members in Group C.

## 3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and matters arising**

The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.

## 4. **Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda**

- Shaun will write to Mike Cullinane, Denise Chaplin, Mark Minott and Rabbi Myers to thank them for their contribution. **Action Carried Forward.**
- Quality of learning & teaching – View website and increase teachers in Group C. There will be training on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022. **Action Carried Forward.**
- FOI Request – How SACRE is funded – cost of syllabus and other costs. **Action outstanding: KS** KS informed that she had found out that the SACRE funding is £25K p/a. The SACRE funding for last year was also £25K. **Action completed**
- There is still £2K left of the Westhill funding. This will be discussed at the next meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March. **Action: SB/ST**
- The Law states that Collective Worship needs to be broadly of a Christian nature, so 51%. Penny offered to check for clarity. PSO will update in the meeting. **Action completed**
- Penny will add a few more links and bring back the document to the next meeting with illustrations etc. PSO will update in the meeting. **Action completed**
- Penny will contact Kathryn about the training. **Action completed**
- The next step will be to look at the website, so that it is linked in on both websites. Kathryn will resend the Faith Trail link **Action completed**
- Sarah will run the report past SB and KS. **Action completed**
- Sarah will send out the dates of the Faith Trails and Maria will share them. **ACTION: Outstanding ST**
- Cllr Cameron will prepare a presentation. **ACTION Carried Forward: Cllr Cameron**
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## 5) **Update on Lambeth Faith Trails for Schools including Westhill Report, IT support for Trails, Training event**

KS reported that the Final Report has been submitted to Westhill.

Work is still being done on the website as there were issues with opening it up. The Faith Trails will run today and tomorrow. All SACRE Members are encouraged to join a Faith Trail. Any SACRE Members wishing to join a Faith Trail are asked to contact Kathryn or Sara. Sara attended today and Kathryn will join tomorrow.

Two places of worship have now closed, that were on a Faith Trail. ST will speak about this at the next meeting. **ACTION: ST**

Training for the Faith Trails is needed. The Faith Trails are being advertised and there will be further feedback at the next meeting. **ACTION: KS/ST**

KS informed that the use of Faith Trails is a good opportunity for schools to fill the Ofsted strand for RE.

## **6. Completing Section 5: Contribution of SACRE to promoting cohesion across the community. (RE Tool)**

SACRE members discussed the Section 5 questions and agreed the following:

### **5A. SACRE's Membership. How representative is SACRE's membership of the local community?**

SACRE members acknowledged that there are some vacancies for different institutions. These memberships are reviewed and the SACRE try to recruit to those vacancies. SACRE members agreed that the membership is **Established** but it is aspiring to be Advanced.

### **5B. SACRE's understanding of the local area. How much do SACRE members know and understand the local community in its religious, cultural and ethnic dimensions??**

SACRE members agreed that this was at the **Established** stage. SACRE has got representation and has worked with the Faith Trails in Lambeth. There are now network meetings taking place for teachers, so that will help for the future and moving towards Advanced.

### **5C. SACRE's engagement with the community cohesion agenda. How much does SACRE understand the contribution which RE can make to a schools' provision for community cohesion?**

SACRE members felt this was **Established** verging on advanced because of the ASC that was put together. It was agreed on established with the proviso that further work was needed to get to advanced.

PSO mentioned that a new toolkit has come out. SACRE members thought that it would be useful to look at the new toolkit. Jo offered to circulate the new toolkit. **ACTION: JB**

### **5D. SACRE's role within wider LA initiatives on community cohesion. How well is SACRE linked to or consulted about LA initiatives promoting community cohesion?**

SACRE members were aware of some LA initiatives, but by that time it was the final decision. SACRE members felt this areas was **Developing**. Cllrs were asked to keep the SACRE informed of initiatives. Community cohesion needs to be understood. An example was given of HMD where SACRE are not informed by the LA of events running to support the HMD.

## **7. Child Friendly Lambeth Initiative - Cllr Cameron Presentation**

Cllr Cameron's presentation will be shown at the next SACRE meeting. The presentation is on the Lambeth child friendly initiative which has already started. There was a big launch in Windrush Square. The video is online. PSO offered to send out the link. **ACTION: PSO**

## **8. Draft Collective Worship document**

Penny informed that she asked the Network group for quotes from Lambeth pupils, which she received. There will also be extra links added to the websites. The Inter Faith link has good resources. The calendar for religious festivals is also accurate.

A cover page is needed for the Collective Worship document and faith symbols was suggested as one option or possibly a candle. The document title also needs to be checked. Lambeth SACRE for Collective Worship. **ACTION: PSO/KS**

**Q.** “Withdrawn of conscience” Does the law say it? Do they have to give a reason?

**A.** Parents cannot withdraw their child in lieu of CW.

It was agreed that a further explanatory section is needed. The wording “for reasons of conscience will be removed and “beliefs, readings” will be added – secular readings that match up to religions and faith.

The Determination Policies will be separate documents.

PSO stated she was happy to incorporate all the changes. CJ offered to email PSO the highlighted version with the relevant changes. **ACTION: CJ/PSO**

The plan of action was agreed:

- To make a CW guidance document, so that schools would be able to do CW that is inclusive and that pupils would not need to be removed.
- CW to be inclusive for everyone.
- A cover is needed for the document.
- It was decided on a picture of a high resolution candle on the cover page.
- Determination Policies in place if something happens.

**Q.** Will the Determination clause be removed so that everyone is inclusive?

**A.** This is working well in Wales.

The Chair thanked CJ for his input on the paperwork.

This will also be shared with Shaun for his advice and guidance.

## **9. RE Consultant’s Report – Verbal**

In the February SACRE meeting PSO reported that only a couple of people had signed up to the January network meeting. The network meeting date was changed to 9<sup>th</sup> March and 4 or 5 people attended and contributed. The Faith Trails were spoken about and they were signposted to the website.

Various virtual visits will be made to links worldwide. There was a presentation for Hinduism and the areas that should be covered. Various activities were covered on similarities and differences eg. Teacher, Vicar, Rabbi – what is unique to each one, common to each pair and common to all of them.

There will be termly meetings and more work needs to be done to promote this. KS offered to assist with promoting and advertising the meeting – eg. LSS website. The next meeting is on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022. **ACTION: KS**

## **10. Islamophobia and Support for Schools in Tackling This**

This item has been deferred due to Jason, who had asked for the item to be on the SACRE agenda, being absent from this meeting.

## **11. Attendance at the NASACRE Conference - 23 May 2022 at the Macdonald Burlington Hotel, Birmingham**

This item will be covered at the next meeting.

## **12. AOB**

Cllr Cameron suggested that the Lambeth SACRE is involved in the Child friendly Lambeth initiative. This will be an Agenda item for the next meeting and Cllr Cameron will prepare a presentation. **ACTION: Cllr Cameron**

**13. Dates, Venues and Times of Future Meetings:**

- 27th June 2022 – SACRE meeting 6-8pm via MS TEAMS/(St. Martin-in-the-Field or Lilian Baylis)

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chair of Lambeth SACRE**