

# Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

**Minutes of the meeting held Stockwell Green Mosque, on Monday 22 January 2024 at  
6.00pm – 8.00pm**

## **SACRE Membership and Attendance:**

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

## 1. Welcome and Introductions.

Shaun Burns as Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first in person meeting for almost 4 years held at the Stockwell Green Mosque, on the kind invitation of Umar Mahmood. The meeting began with a tour of the Mosque, followed by information relating to the Mosque's engagement with the local community and schools and the 64 different nationalities that the Mosque serves.

As the meeting was not quorate, no decisions could be made. It was also agreed that a number of the agenda items and actions would be carried over to the next meeting, to be held on Thursday, March 14, at Lambeth's Civic Centre. Due to the unavailability of the Clerk, Maria Gabrielczyk, Kathryn Shaw the LA Representative, took the minutes.

## 2. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from the Co-Chair, Jo Backus.

## 3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on July 04 2023, and matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on July 04, 2023, were agreed and approved by the Chair as an accurate record. Given that that attendance was low at this meeting, it was agreed that the following actions from previous meetings would be carried over to the next meeting scheduled to take place in person on 14 March 2024 at the Council's Civic Centre.

### • Outstanding Actions carried over from the previous meeting.

- Cllr Jaffer offered to send the Inter Faith Membership to Maria. **ACTION: Cllr Jaffer to follow up.**
- Shaun to send Maria details of the Archdiocese for RC. **ACTION: Maria to contact the Archdiocese who have agreed to find a member to represent.**
- United Reformed Church – check the website for contact details. **ACTION: Maria to follow up**
- Methodist Association of free churches – check the website for contact details. **ACTION: Maria to follow up.**
- Marl from the Caribbean Hindu Temple would like to join Lambeth SACRE initially as an observer. **ACTION: Maria to contact Sarah who has Marl's details and then invite her to the next meeting.**
- Shaun to send an e-mail to Jason McInnis regarding his non-attendance. **ACTION: Shaun to follow up.**
- NEU/NAHT vacancy - contact their respective HQ. **ACTION: Maria**
- Youth members on SACRE – Youth Council. Kathryn to find out contacts and liaise with CJ. **OUTSTANDING ACTION: Kathryn to continue to pursue as so far has had no response to her emails. Penny to ask her daughter who may have some interested young people who go to school in Lambeth and who attend her Academy. It was agreed that is important that the voice of young people is represented in Lambeth SACRE.**
- The roles in Group D need to be formalised. **ACTION: Maria to chase up who are the current elected Councillors on SACRE.**
- Spring Agenda to have more detailed information for Lambeth on the Census. The information should be held by a department in Lambeth. It is also available on the Office for National Statistics website. **ACTION: Maria to provide the more detailed report in order to provide discussions for the next meeting regarding membership.**
- Maria to contact Sabina Williams about vacancies. **ACTION: Maria**
- Ecumenical Borough Dean. Shaun to send Maria details. **ACTION: Shaun**
- The Methodist Church – check the website for contact details. **ACTION: Maria**

- Shaun to send Maria details of the Archdiocese for RC. **ACTION UPDATE: Shaun has re-sent Maria details of the person in the Archdiocese responsible for co-ordinating their SACRE representatives.**
- Shaun to write to Esther Moorey regarding her non-attendance. **ACTION UPDATE: Shaun informed the group that Esther has resigned. He asked the group to extend their warm thanks for her attendance and commitment.**
- Penny will send off the SACRE Annual Report by the end of term. **ACTION UPDATE: Annual Report completed and now on the NASACRE website.**
- Penny to find 2 people from the RE Subject Leaders' Network. **ACTION UPDATE: 3 Teachers from Wyvil Primary attended today's meeting, thanks to Penny.**
- Umar will speak to Sarah regarding the Inter Faith work in the Inter Faith areas, with a possible Faith Trail start in Stockwell at the Mosque. **ACTION UPDATE: Umar is keen for there to be a Faith Trail in the North of the borough.**

#### **4. Membership.**

A discussion arose around the continued number of vacancies and the impact that this has on meetings being quorate. As a result, it was agreed that this item would be carried over to the next meeting where it could be discussed in more detail, and where details of the published Census data should be made available, in order to help identify pertinent gaps in membership representation.

#### **5. Any urgent matters arising not on the agenda.**

There were no urgent matters arising other than the need to carry over actions from previous meetings.

#### **6. Lambeth SACRE Constitution.**

The Lambeth SACRE Constitution was discussed and it was agreed that once the changes discussed and agreed at the last meeting in July 2024, were updated by Maria, then this could be reviewed at the next meeting in March. Shaun pointed out that the constitution includes membership, which should reflect and represent the current make up of religions and beliefs practiced in Lambeth. With this in mind and once we have received the latest Census data, we can look at this in more detail, at the next meeting.

#### **7. SACRE Self Assessment Tool – Section 1.**

A copy of the new SACRE Self Assessment Tool was distributed. It was agreed that this item should be carried forward to the next meeting. The Tool has been created to help SACREs in their essential role of advising the local authority (LA) in meeting the entitlement of pupils in schools, and in engaging in high quality Religious Education (RE) and Collective Worship (CW,) as well as supporting the LA to reflect on its practice.

#### **8. RE Consultant's Report – Lambeth's Development Plans.**

Copies of the final Development Plan (2022-2023) and the Draft Development (2023-2024) were distributed. All the objectives on both Plans are connected to the statutory duties of a SACRE. It was agreed that discussions on both Plans would be carried over to the next meeting.

## **9. SACRE Annual Report.**

The Lambeth SACRE Annual Report (2022-2023,) co-ordinated by the SACRE Consultant and Adviser, Penny Smith-Orr with a welcome introduction from the Chair, Shaun Burns, was distributed and will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

## **10. Lambeth Faith Trails for schools.**

This item will also be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. Sarah briefly informed the group that the booking system for the Faith Trails is now up and running and schools are being encouraged to use it. Sarah and Kathryn continue to encourage SACRE members to attend a scheduled Faith Trail.

## **11. AOB.**

A proposal paper by Charley Jarrett was distributed regarding increasing the youth representation on SACRE. The importance of young people having representation on SACRE was highlighted, given young people are those attending the schools, which is pertinent to the work of SACRE. This proposal will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **12. Dates, Venues and Times of Future Meetings.**

The next 2 SACRE meetings to take place in this academic year will be held in person at the following venues:-

**Spring Term: Thursday, March 14:** The Civic Centre: Room C02-02 - more details to follow  
**Summer Term: Tuesday, 02 July:** Lillian Bayliss School - more details to follow

## **Appendix 1:**

A summary of all outstanding actions from previous meetings and new actions from previous meetings.