

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education**

**Thursday 8 November 2012, 5.00 pm**

**Council Chamber, Fourth Floor, Easthampstead House, Bracknell**

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

Susan Burrow, The Free Churches  
John Baildam, The Free Churches  
Mr Christopher Smith, The Free Churches  
Carol Nicholls, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
One Vacancy, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
One Vacancy, Hindu Faith  
Joel Roszykiewicz, Buddhist faith  
Rabbi Zvi Solomons, Jewish faith  
Arfan Rashid, Muslim faith  
Ranjit Bilkhu, Sikh Community  
David Fawcett, Church of England  
Mark Olney, Church of England  
One Vacancy, Church of England  
One Vacancy, Church of England  
Councillor Andy Blatchford, Bracknell Forest Council  
Councillor Dr Gareth Barnard, Bracknell Forest Council  
Councillor Will Davison, Bracknell Forest Council  
Councillor Mrs Dorothy Hayes MBE, Bracknell Forest Council  
Councillor Clifton Thompson, Bracknell Forest Council  
Felicity Allen, Associations Representing Teachers (NASUWT)  
Madeline Diver, Associations Representing Teachers (VOICE)  
Maria Soulsby, Associations Representing teachers (NAHT)  
One Vacancy, Associations Representing Teachers (ASCL)  
Kathy Hadfield, Co-opted Member  
One Vacancy, Co-opted Member

**ALISON SANDERS**

Director of Corporate Services

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**AGENDA**

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1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer/Thought for the Day**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Election of Chairman**
4. **Appointment of Deputy Chairman**
5. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**  
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 July 2012. 1 - 4
6. **Matters Arising**
7. **SACRE Membership**  
An update detailing all outstanding vacancies on SACRE is attached. 5 - 6
8. **Locally Agreed Syllabus and Related Training**
9. **National Subject Review of Religious Education**
10. **School Examination Results 2011 Review**
11. **SACRE Annual Report**
12. **Practitioner Workshop - Religion and Belief, Discrimination and Equality, 7 November 2012**  
Madeline Diver to report
13. **Any Other Business**
14. **Dates of Future Meetings**  
7 March 2013, Council Chamber  
4 July 2013, Education Centre  
7 November 2013, Council Chamber



**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
5 JULY 2012  
5.00 - 5.40 PM**

**Present:**

Paula Ridgway, The Free Churches (Chairman)  
Susan Burrow, The Free Churches  
Paula Ridgway, The Free Churches  
Anne Gibbons, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Carol Nicholls, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
Joel Roszykiewicz, Buddhist faith  
Arfan Rashid, Muslim faith  
David Fawcett, Church of England  
Julie Minter, Church of England  
Mark Olney, Church of England  
Councillor Andy Blatchford, Bracknell Forest Council  
Councillor Mrs Dorothy Hayes MBE, Bracknell Forest Council  
Councillor Clifton Thompson, Bracknell Forest Council  
Madeline Diver, Associations Representing Teachers (VOICE)  
Colin Hickson, Associations Representing Teachers (NUT)  
Samantha Hunt, Associations Representing Teachers (ATL)  
Kathy Hadfield, Co-opted Member

**In Attendance:**

Ms Jo Fageant, Oxford Diocese  
Martin Surrell, Bracknell Forest Council

**Apologies for absence were received from:**

John Baidam, The Free Churches  
Rabbi Zvi Solomons, Jewish faith  
Councillor Peter Heydon, Bracknell Forest Council  
Maria Soulsby, Associations Representing teachers (NAHT)

**12. Welcome (prayer to be led by Kathy Hadfield)**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and invited Kathy Hadfield to open the meeting with a prayer.

**13. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**14. Matters Arising**

Further to Minute 17, SACRE Membership, Martin Surrell reported that the ASCL representative position was still vacant.

Further to Minute 20, Resources Centre and Artefacts Update, Martin Surrell reported that 6 schools had accessed the artefacts since the last meeting and a number of schools had collected an artefacts catalogue at today's Locally Agreed Syllabus launch. He also reported that the Welcome to Bracknell Forest event would be held on Thursday 20 September at 4pm and that Members were welcome to attend to draw attention to the artefacts collection.

Further to Minute 22, Mark Olney reported that he had not yet sent the pod cast of the Faith Debate to the Clerk.

**(Action: Mark Olney)**

**15. SACRE Membership**

A report listing current vacancies was noted. In addition, it was reported that Colin Hickson (NUT) and Samantha Hunt (ATL) would be standing down.

**16. NASACRE AGM, 23 May 2012**

David Fawcett tabled a report on the AGM together with a pamphlet from NASACRE on collective worship.

He suggested that members download the presentations given at the AGM at [www.nasacre.org.uk/events.html](http://www.nasacre.org.uk/events.html)

David also congratulated Jo Fageant on being elected as Secretary of NASACRE.

**17. Feedback on New Locally Agreed Syllabus for RE and Training Opportunities**

The Chairman reported that there had been a real buzz of excitement at the launch of the New Locally Agreed Syllabus and that there was a general feeling amongst teachers that the new syllabus brought greater clarity. Also, it had been suggested by teachers that SACRE sponsor a contest for Year 9 pupils to develop a brochure for the 5 other main religions, similar to that produced by the Oxford Diocese on Christianity, with sections on Believing, Behaving, Belonging. This could be considered at the next SACRE meeting.

**(Action: Clerk)**

The Chairman paid tribute to Gordon Anderson's contribution and stated that she would take him a copy.

**(Action: Paula Ridgway)**

She highlighted the chart setting out the overview of key questions for Key Stages 1-3 on page 20 as a valuable resource together with the Key Stage enquiries and concepts on pages 8-9 and suggested that the chart on page 20 needed to be included at the beginning of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3, as well, on the cd to be sent to schools. She stated that one of the main achievements of the Syllabus was that the faith communities came together and agreed the content.

**(Action: Jo Fageant)**

Martin Surrell reported that each school had been provided with 3 copies of the Syllabus – for the RE Coordinator, Headteacher and Chair of Governors. He would be aiming to send a cd version to schools before the end of term, subject to receiving a copy with all errors corrected.

**(Action: Martin Surrell)**

Jo Fageant reminded the meeting that the Syllabus applied across Berkshire. However it was noted that schools which were or would become academies were under no obligation to follow the Agreed Syllabus.

It was agreed that the Agreed Syllabus should be a standing item on future agendas.  
**(Action: Clerk)**

**18. Agreed Syllabus Conference Draft Minutes**

The minutes of the Conference held on 15 May 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

**19. Feedback from ICAB Hinduism Workshop**

Madeline Diver tabled a report on the Workshop, setting out the key values and principles of Hinduism. She reported that she was struck by the similarity of the core values to Christianity and other religions and thanked ICAB for the opportunity to attend.

**20. SACRE Budget 2012/13**

Martin Surrell reported that the SACRE annual budget had previously been reduced to £1500. Because of the statutory requirement to produce the Agreed Syllabus, he had obtained permission to overspend this year. The budget was sufficient to fund routine SACRE activity but it would be difficult to fund the purchase of or repair of artefacts and it would be necessary to demonstrate a particular need for any one-off expenditure.

The meeting agreed that the current budget was inadequate and asked Councillors to see if any additional funding could be identified.

**21. Any Other Business**

The Chairman reported that this was her last meeting, thanked members for their support and encouraged them to volunteer to chair future meetings. Members thanked Paula for her work as Chairman.

**22. Dates of Future Meetings**

8 November 2012, Council Chamber  
7 March 2013, Council Chamber  
16 May 2013, Council Chamber  
4 July 2013, Education Centre  
7 November 2013, Council Chamber

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## **SACRE Membership Update November 2012**

There are currently a number of vacancies that we are working towards filling, as set out below:

- **Hindu Faith (Kusum Trikha):** The Indian Community Association in Bracknell (ICAB) has been asked to provide a nomination but has not yet done so.
- **Church of England (Gordon Anderson and Julie Mintern):** The Diocese has been asked to provide nominations but has not yet done so.
- **Catholic Diocese (Anne Gibbons):** The Diocese has been asked to provide a nomination but has not yet done so.
- **ATL (Samantha Hunt):** The ATL has been asked to provide a nomination but has not yet done so.
- **NUT (Colin Hickson):** The NUT were contacted and advised that they would be submitting a nomination but have not yet done so.
- **Co-opted Member (Rev Michael Bentley):** If members would like to co-opt to this vacancy, they can do so with the agreement of a majority vote of SACRE members.
- **ASCL** There have been no nominations to fill this long-standing vacancy.

**Priya Patel, Democratic Services Officer**

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