

**SHROPSHIRE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
29 June 2022, 18.15
The Darwin Community Centre**

Present

Adrian Black (Chair)	Simon Nightingale
David Bowgett	Sohayb Peerbhai (19.27)
Mark Harrington	Steph Shirra
Fi Iddon	Garry Ward

In Attendance

Fiona Moss, Sue Round, Helen Woodbridge (Clerk)

1. Welcome from chair

The chair thanked all for attending and for their contributions.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Name	Reason
Akasharaja Bruton	Work commitment
Jane Crouch	Family commitment
Ruth Gittins	Work commitment
Mike Isherwood	Family commitment
Kate Linnell	Work commitment
Mark Michaels	Illness
Sue Michaels	Illness
Sohayb Peerbai	Late due to work
John Rowe	Work commitment
Denise Samari	Family commitment
Amanda Skidmore	Work commitment

Update from Mark Michaels

Both South Shropshire Interfaith and Shrewsbury Interfaith are back up and running. Shrewsbury Interfaith community fun day on the afternoon of 3 September at Shrewsbury URC and South Shropshire Interfaith have broadcaster and writer Reform Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain speaking on evening 17 May in Church Stretton. School visits are ongoing. There is to be an Interfaith event at Hereford Cathedral - Imam Sohayb and Mark Harrington are both to be involved.

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3. Declaration of interest

Fiona Moss advised that she works for RE Today.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 9 March 2022

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record.

A discussion took place about the minutes. It was agreed that the aim is to have succinct minutes.

Simon Nightingale's view was that if a statement was made and requested to be in the minutes it should be included and this was agreed.

The chair added that if any items were confidential, they would be recorded separately as a confidential minute.

5. Matters arising from the minutes above (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

6	Sue Round had liaised with Committee Services.
7	The annual report was approved and had been circulated to all members as well as Committee Services, DFE and NASACRE.
8	SLG update is on the agenda.
10	The Visits/Information Booklet had not yet been sent to the clerk. The chair undertook to progress this – for discussion at item 7.
13	Mark Harrington had attended the NASACRE conference and had shared the report. SACRE self-assessment toolkit was shared by Fiona Moss. (It is on the NASACRE website.)

Steph Shirra advised that she had not been able to attend the national update due to ill health.

6. Membership and training

It was confirmed that new training is available from NASACRE and that links have been sent to new members.

Vacancies were discussed and it was established that there are currently:

- One teacher vacancy
- Two Church of England vacancies
- Six vacancies for representatives of other faiths.

It was confirmed that:

The chair will seek another secondary colleague to join SACRE.

A representative from Catholicism is being sought.

Simon Nightingale would endeavour to find representatives from Sikhism and Hinduism and could also approach Jamie Muir.

Fi Iddon would approach the Salvation Army.

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The terms of reference for the SACRE members due to lapse in the Autumn term or before were renewed.

Name	End of office	New end of office
Adrian Black	Autumn 2022	Autumn 2027
Sue Michaels	Autumn 2022	Autumn 2027
Mark Michaels	Autumn 2022	Autumn 2027
Amanda Skidmore	Autumn 2022	Autumn 2027
Fiona Iddon	Summer 2021	Summer 2026
Denise Samari	Summer 2022	Summer 2027
Bill Morris	Summer 2021	Summer 2026
David Bowgett	Spring 2022	Summer 2027
Jacqui Osmund Smith	Summer 2021	Summer 2026

Sue Round agreed to update the TOR so that quoracy requires at least one member from each committee and one third of the total membership.

7. Visits and Visitor Booklet

One change was made to Rashmika Jogi's contact details.

It was agreed that the booklet would be uploaded to the current SLG for the time being and the clerk will include the link in the weekly email to schools.

Fiona Moss suggested adding virtual visits/visitors – Birmingham, Liverpool – and agreed to send a list to the chair. Other colleagues agreed to suggest other recommendations.

Simon Nightingale advised that he is undergoing training for primary education.

Steph Shirra advised that she had some artwork that could be added to update the front cover.

8. Shropshire Learning Gateway

There were no updates at this stage but John Rowe is working on this. The existing SLG continues to be used in the interim period.

Agreed Syllabus – SACRE members will be providing a response to questions.

Steph Shirra is picking an area from primary - L9 – How should we care for the world and for others and why does it matter? (KS1). She will provide three sub-questions and tips for talking to KS1 and this will link to teaching and learning approaches. The video will be three minutes maximum/400-500 words.

Fiona Moss felt a thematic approach would be better and this was agreed. The chair will make a selection from secondary Eg How far does it make a difference if you believe in life after death? The same timing limits will apply.

Mark Harrington suggested qualifying by saying 'this person's view'.

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Simon Nightingale advised that Zoom works well for creating videos or colleagues could use their phones (landscape).
The videos would need to go on YouTube.
The deadline for this work was agreed as the Autumn term meeting.
The chair agreed to circulate some guidance.

9. RE Hub Meeting

Steph Shirra reported back from the primary hub. There are eight members and an initial face to face meeting was held to set this up. All are positive about the new syllabus. Termly meetings are planned with emails in between. Examples of work will be brought to the autumn term meeting.
Recorded/evidence and assessment have been highlighted as a concern.

10. Education Bill – Fiona Moss

The biggest focus is academisation (into MATs) by 2030 with work on educational standards being removed from LAs who will focus on safeguarding, admissions/transport and SEN.
There is a new set of academy trust standards which are wide ranging.
The Secretary of State has more powers.
LAs can now initiate trusts.
There are concerns about where SACREs will sit.

11. National Update

Fiona Moss presented her report.

12. Schools Round Up

The secondary meeting focussed on planning for the new syllabus and supporting a new HOD.
In primary, one SDG had requested a session which was provided.
There were 17 people online for the focus last week on multi-disciplinary RE.
There have only been five Ofsted inspections.
Mark Harrington added that in the few Ofsted inspections, schools have been challenged on diversity.

13. Draft Religion and World Views Framework

This was deferred to the next meeting.

14. To confirm dates, times and venues of the meetings for 2022/23

In person meetings were planned for:
 Thursday 17 November 2022 which may change if it clashes with interfaith week.
 (NB the meeting subsequently changed to 10 November 2022)
 Wednesday 15 March 2023
 Wednesday 5 July 2023

15. Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 8.10

Summary of Actions from the meeting

6	Endeavour to find representatives from Sikhism and Hinduism and also approach Jamie Muir. Approach the Salvation Army. Update the TOR so that quoracy requires at least one member from each committee and one third of the total membership.	Simon Nightingale Fi Iddon Sue Round
7	Upload the booklet to the current SLG. Circulate the booklet in the weekly email to schools. Send other recommendations to add to the booklet to the chair.	Chair/John Rowe Clerk SACRE members
8	Create some short videos to support the Agreed Syllabus in time for the Autumn term meeting. Circulate some guidance.	Chair/vice chair/others Chair

Date Chair

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