

Swindon Borough Council

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Tuesday, 3 December 2013

Committee Room 6, Civic Offices
(Anticipated meeting room)

At 6.00 p.m.

**Group A:
Christian Denominations
and Other Religions or
Religious Denominations**

Mr David Burbidge, Baptist Church
Mr Mark Cawte, Methodist
Mrs Sarah Lane Cawte, United Reformed Church
Reverend David Howell, Swindon Evangelical Alliance
Mr M S Khan, Muslim Community
Mr Tony McAteer, Catholic Community
Mr Dinesh Patel, Hindu Community

**Group B:
The Church of England**

Miss Janet French
Reverend Norma McKemey
Ms Steph Mundin
Mrs Penny Summers
Reverend Beth Brown

**Group C:
Teacher Associations**

Mrs Tracy Mason, NUT
Miss Lottie Rowe, NASUWT
Mrs Mandy Sandleton, NASUWT
Ms Mel Shepherd, NASUWT
Ms Catherine Lomax, NASUWT - Deputy
Mr Paul Sunners, NAHT

**Group D:
The Local Authority**

Councillor Fay Howard
Councillor James Robbins
Councillor Alan Bishop
Councillor Fionuala Foley
Councillor John Haines

Support Officers:

Katy Staples, SACRE Advisor
Sarah Foulkes, School Improvement Adviser

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and also during the meeting if it becomes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.

3. Public Question Time

See explanatory note below. Please phone the Committee Officer whose name and number appears at the top of this agenda if you need further guidance.

4. Chair's Announcements (Pages 1 - 4)

- Potential letter to Primary and Secondary School Governors from REC as a response to "The Truth Unmasked". Two briefing papers are attached.

5. Membership Update (Pages 5 - 20)

A report by the Director of Law and Democratic Services is attached.

6. Minutes (Pages 21 - 26)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2013.

7. Example of Good Practice from RE in a Swindon School

Steph Mordin from St Francis CofE VA School will show how their school monitors the progress of pupils in RE.

8. RE Ofsted Report: Realising the Potential (Pages 27 - 78)

A report of the SACRE Advisor is attached along with a report from Ofsted.

9. Feedback from RE Best Practice Clusters

The SACRE Advisor will report.

10. REC RE Review

The SACRE Advisor will report.

11. Progress Report from Sub-Committees

To receive updates from the following Sub-Committees:

- Sub-Committee to develop a strategy and actions to promote the role of Swindon SACRE in schools and academies for Headteachers
- Sub-Committee to look at developing new distinctively local Swindon RE units of work for Swindon schools and academies

12. Feedback from Members Representing SACRE on other Bodies

To receive feedback from members who represent SACRE at other committees/organisations.

13. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SACRE is on Tuesday 18 March 2014. Members of the SACRE are asked to suggest venues or indicate where this and future meetings of the Panel should be held.

Date of Despatch: 25 November 2013

Public Question Time - Swindon Borough Council is committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. Up to 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from members of the public about the work of the Committee (except for confidential matters and specific planning applications). Questions must be relevant, clear and concise. Because of time constraints Public Question Time is not an opportunity to make speeches or statements. Prior notice of a question to the Director of Law and Democratic Services is desirable - particularly if detailed background information is needed.

Access Arrangements – The Venue is wheelchair accessible and an infrared receiver hearing system is provided. If you would wish to attend the meeting but have any special requirement to enable you to do so please contact the Committee Clerk above, as soon as possible prior to the date of the meeting.

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