

# Swindon Borough Council

## Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

**Tuesday, 2 December 2014**

Commonweal School, The Mall, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 4JE - C6  
Building, Room 608, Ground Floor  
(Anticipated meeting room)

At 6.00 p.m.

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

Mr David Burbidge, Baptist Church  
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  
Vacancy, Methodist Church  
Vacancy, Buddhist Community  
Vacancy, Jewish Community

**Group B:  
The Church of England**

Reverend Clive Deverell  
Miss Janet French  
Reverend Norma McKemey  
Ms Steph Mundin  
Mrs Penny Summers

**Group C:  
Teacher Associations**

Mrs Tracy Mason, NUT  
Mrs Lottie O'Brien, NASUWT  
Mrs Mandy Sandleton, NASUWT  
Mrs Mel Shepherd, NASUWT  
Ms Catherine Lomax, NASUWT - Deputy  
Paul Sunners, NAHT

**Group D:  
The Local Authority**

Councillor James Robbins  
Councillor Alan Bishop  
Councillor Fionuala Foley  
Councillor Cindy Matthews  
Councillor Gemma McCracken

Co-Opted:

Freddy Pound, Swindon Humanists

Support Officers:

Katy Staples, SACRE Advisor  
Sarah Foulkes, School Improvement Adviser

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## **AGENDA**

**1. Welcome from Commonweal School**

Lottie O'Brien will provide the SACRE with a brief introduction to Commonweal School and their approach to RE.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. Chair's Announcements**

- South West SACRE Conference – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Dillington House, Ilminster.

**6. Minutes and Matters Arising (Pages 1 - 4)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2014.

**7. Changes to GCSE/A Level Consultation (Pages 5 - 56)**

The Department of Education are seeking views on revised subject content for GCSE and A level religious studies for first teaching from 2016. Copies of the consultation documents are attached or can be accessed from this link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/gcse-and-a-level-reform-religious-studies>.

The consultation runs until 29 December 2014 and Swindon SACRE are asked to consider the consultation documents and forward any views/comments to the Department of Education.

**8. The Development Plan 2015-2017 (Pages 57 - 62)**

Activity to work on priorities detailed in the Plan. A copy of the Plan is circulated.

**9. Religious Education Beyond Levels Discussion**

Katy Staples to lead a discussion activity.

**10. Feedback from RE Teachers' Network Meetings**

To receive feedback from recent Primary and Secondary RE Teachers' meetings.



**11. Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the SACRE is on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015. 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 2014

**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.

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