

# Swindon Borough Council

## Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Tuesday, 10 March 2015

Please Note the Venue:

Gorse Hill Baptist Church, Cricklade Road, Swindon, SN2 1AA

At 6.00 p.m.

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

Mr Gurchoran Singh Lyal, Sikh Community  
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

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## **AGENDA**

**1. Election of Chair**

**2. Welcome from Gorse Hill Baptist Church**

David Burbidge will provide the SACRE with a brief introduction to the Gorse Hill Baptist Church.

**3. Apologies for Absence**

**4. 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.

**5. 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.

**6. Chair's Announcements (Pages 5 - 14)**

- Letter from Gideons International
- Letter from Discovery RE
- Letter from NASACRE about RE Resources
- Letter to SACRE's from Lord Nash – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools
- NASACRE response to teaching RE post Charlie Hebdo

**7. Minutes (Pages 15 - 18)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014.

**8. Draft Swindon SACRE Annual Report 2013/14 (Pages 19 - 28)**

A copy of the draft Annual Report is circulated.

**9. The Development Plan 2015-2017 (Pages 29 - 34)**

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

**10. DfE Response to Consultation and Final Decisions about GCSEs (Pages 35 - 60)**

**11. SACRE and Youth Forum/Curriculum for Life (Pages 61 - 62)**

To consider a report prepared by Paul Sunners.

**12. Charitable Bid to Secure Succession Planning in RE**

To receive a verbal update from Katy Staples.

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

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

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

The next meeting of the SACRE is on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 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:** 02 March 2015

**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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