

Swindon Borough Council

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Tuesday, 24 November 2020

Public Virtual Meeting – Live Stream

At 6.00 p.m.

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

Malkit Babbra, Sikh Community
Jo Backus, Buddhist Community
David Burbidge, Baptist Church
Claire-Marie Burchall, Roman Catholic Community
Atiff Ghafar, Muslim Community
Reverend David Howell, Swindon Evangelical Alliance
Michelle Howard, United Reformed Church
Dinesh Patel, Hindu Community

**Group B:
The Church of England**

Reverend Clive Deverell
Reverend Norma McKemey
Ruth Williams

**Group C:
Teacher Associations**

Tracy Mason, NEU
Helen Redhead NEU
Lottie O'Brien, NASUWT
Emma McCarthy, NASUWT

**Group D:
The Local Authority**

Councillor Matthew Courtliff
Councillor Fay Howard
Councillor Oladapo Ibitoye
Councillor Garry Perkins
Councillor Basil Solomon

Co-Opted:

Jo Garton, Swindon Humanists
Fidelma Meehan, Baha'i Community

Support Officers:

Katy Staples, SACRE Advisor
Gareth Cheal, Education Place Planning and Admissions Manager
Steve Bogg, Commissioner for Education

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AGENDA

1. Note:

The link for the public session of the meeting is here:

[SACRE Meeting – 24th November 2020](#)

This link will only work from 6.00 p.m. on 24th November 2020.

For help on viewing the meeting, please visit: [Support Office](#) Please note that if Members resolve to go in to a private and confidential discussion the public link will be closed.

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

6. Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2020.

7. Matters Arising

To review matters arising and matters not taken forward due to the coronavirus.

8. Agreed syllabus review process (Pages 11 - 12)

- a) Verbal report on initial conversations about the cost or renewing the license for the Agreed Syllabus with RE Today Services
- b) Update on where we are and a new proposed timeline for the Agreed Syllabus Review Process

9. Collective Worship/ Assemblies under current restrictions (Pages 13 - 18)

Suggested support paper to offer schools. Group to discuss.

10. National Updates for RE (Pages 19 - 22)

What are the issues for SACRE to consider?

11. Feedback from online RE Hub meeting held on 10th November 2020

Topic Agreed Syllabus, Black Lives Matter and Religious Education.

12. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SACRE is on 16th March 2021 at 6.00 p.m.

Date of Despatch: 15 November 2020

Public Question Time - Swindon Borough Council remains committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from the public about the work of the Committee (except for confidential matters, and matters relating to planning and licensing applications). We will give priority to those who submit questions in writing at least two days before the meeting. Questions must be relevant, clear, and concise. You may not use Public Question Time as an opportunity to make speeches or statements.

The deadline for public questions is: 15:00 on Friday, 20th November 2020.

Questions in writing should be sent to the Committee Officer whose contact details appear on the agenda above or to the Chief Legal Officer, we will publish it, along with the answer, alongside the Minutes. The process associated with asking a public question is set out in the "[Public Question Time at Council Meetings Protocol and Guidance](#)", which is available on the Council website or from the Committee Officer named above.

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