

SACRE – 7th March 2017

Public Questions – Mr Cockbill

Question 1:

1. Do the members of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education agree that all possible efforts should be made, irrespective of any religious belief or none, to end homelessness in Swindon and these ideals should be advocated in all educational institutions of the Borough?
2. Will each and every member of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education therefore:-
 - a) Sign the petition requesting the Mayor of Swindon Borough Council to establish a Municipal Appeal and Fund to end the present dehumanizing, degrading and growing problem on our streets?
 - b) Take petition form(s) to spread the call for action within their communities, organisations and contacts?

Answer:

The Chair confirmed that this question was not within the remit of SACRE and she was unable to respond to the question. She suggested that the question could be asked at other relevant Council Committees.

The petition forms were left for SACRE members as individuals to sign at the end of the meeting, however, there were no signatures on the forms when I collected them when I left the school.

You then asked a supplementary question, as follows:

Question:

The man I managed to give refuge for just one night was an ex-pupil of St. Joseph's RC School. Last seen sleeping in the open and had not eaten for 2 days.

How many children in schools in the Borough now do the Advisory Committee expect to be homeless if the trend of increased homelessness continues to increase?

Answer:

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