

Swindon Borough Council

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Tuesday, 6 March 2007

Committee Room 6, Civic Offices, Swindon
(Anticipated meeting room)

At 6.00 p.m.

**Councillors
(Group A)**

Councillors Michael Bray, Raymond Fisher, Fay Howard,
Philip Sharp, Eric Shaw.
Chris Van Roon (Deputy)

**Church of England
(Group B)**

The Venerable Alan Hawker, Mrs Catherine Coster, Mrs
Penny Summers, Mr. Paul Noble, Mrs Steph Mundin.

**Teacher Organisations
(Group C)**

David Easter, Mr Andrew Fleet, Ms Norma McKemey, Mrs
Tracy Mason, Mrs Emma McCarthy, Mr Jonathan Young
Miss Anne Wang

**Other Faiths
(Group D)**

Reverend David Howell, Swindon Evangelical Alliance
Mr Jaswant Singh Grewal, Sikh Community
Reverend Paul Knight, Baptist
Mr M S Khan, Muslim Community
Mr Dinesh Patel, Hindu Community
Father Liam Slattery, Catholic Diocese
Mrs Wendy Tucker, Methodist Church
Mrs Helen Hancox, United Reformed Church

Co-opted Representatives Dr Marilyn Tew

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. 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.

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. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2006.

5. Understanding Faith

To receive a short presentation from a member of the SACRE on their faith.

Mr Paul Knight of Gorse Hill Baptist Church will provide a short presentation at the meeting, and will answer questions from SACRE members.

6. Community Cohesion (Catherine Coster) (Pages 5 - 6)

7. Religious Education Examination Results (Catherine Coster)(Pages 7 - 24)

8. Using Persona Dolls in Foundation and Key Stage 1 (Catherine Coster)
(Pages 25 - 26)

9. Update on Address by QCA Religious Education Advisor (Catherine Coster)
(Pages 27 - 28)

10. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The following are the proposed dates for the SACRE for 2007/08. These are still to be formally approved by Council as part of the Calendar of Meetings.

Monday 18th June 2007, 6 pm

Monday 24th September 2007, 6 pm

Monday 10th December 2007, 6 pm

Monday 10th March 2008, 6 pm

Date of Despatch: 27 February 2007

Key: Officers:

GDC – Group Director: Children

DLDS – Director of Law and Democratic Services

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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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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STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2006

PRESENT:-

Group A: Councillors	Councillors Michael Bray, Raymond Fisher, Fay Howard, Philip Sharp and Eric Shaw
Group B: Church of England	The Venerable Alan Hawker (Chair), Mrs Catherine Coster, Mrs Penny Summers and Mrs Steph Mundin
Group C: Teacher Organisations	David Easter, Ms Norma McKemey and Miss Anne Wang
Group D: Other Faiths	Reverend David Howell (Swindon Evangelical Alliance), Mr M S Khan (Muslim Community), Mrs Wendy Tucker (Methodist Church) and Mrs Helen Hancox (United Reformed Church)
Co-opted Members:	Dr Marilyn Tew

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: - Ms. Jo Garton (Group C Teacher Organisations)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Paul Noble, Mr Andrew Fleet (Vice-Chair), Mrs Tracy Mason, Mrs Emma McCarthy, Mr Jonathan Young, Mr Jaswant Singh Grewal, Reverend Paul Knight, Mr Dinesh Patel and Father Liam Slattery.

17. Public Question Time

No public questions were received during the meeting.

18. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2006, be confirmed and signed.

19. Membership Update

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Law and Democratic Services and SACRE Advisor requesting the SACRE appoint a new member to a vacancy in the Teachers' Group and confirm an appointment to the SACRE made in May 2006.

Resolved – (1) That Jo Garton be appointed as a member of Group C (Teacher Organisations) until September 2007 (the term of office of the representative replaced), unless reappointed at that point for a four year term by Full Council.

(2) That Anne Wang be confirmed as a member of Group C (Teacher Organisations) until September 2007 unless reappointed at that point for a four year term by Full Council.

20. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

21. Understanding Faith

Mr M S Khan of the Muslim Community made an oral presentation to the SACRE regarding the principles and practice of the Muslim Faith and received questions from Members in respect of his presentation.

Resolved – That Mr. Khan be thanked for his useful and interesting presentation.

22. Lesson Exemplar

The Committee considered (a) a report of the Director of Law and Democratic Services and SACRE Advisor regarding Schemes of Work showing a range of teaching and learning in Religious Education in the primary phase, and (b) a presentation and exercise undertaken by Members of the SACRE showing the teaching and learning skills arising from examples of the Schemes of Work.

Resolved – (1) That the presentation be noted.

(2) That approval be given to the involvement of SACRE Teacher Members in the training of teachers in the delivery of Religious Education.

(3) That the SACRE Advisor be requested to explore the use of leading Religious Education teachers in future training.

23. Transition Unit of Work (Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3)

The Committee received a report of the Director of Law and Democratic Services and SACRE Advisor setting out an example of a Transition Unit of Work between Key Stages 2 and 3.

Resolved – That the new Transition of Work be noted.

24. NASACRE Conference

The Committee considered (a) a joint report of the Director of Law and Democratic Services and SACRE advisor setting out issues arising from the National Association of SACRE's Conference held on 28th November 2006, and (b) oral reports on issues discussed and National trends that may affect Swindon from The Venerable Alan Hawker and Mrs. Catherine Coster who were in attendance at the Conference.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

(2) That any trends appearing in Swindon affecting the teaching of Religious Education in schools be immediately reported to this SACRE.

(3) That any move to withdraw children from Religious Education lessons for other lessons be immediately reported to this SACRE.

25. SACRE Annual Report

The Committee received a joint report of the Director of Law and Democratic Services and the SACRE Advisor setting out the draft Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) Annual report, covering the period September 2005 to Jul 2006, to be submitted to the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority.

Resolved – (1) That, subject to (2) below, the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) Annual report for submission to the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority be approved.

(2) That the Chair in liaison with the SACRE Advisor be authorised to revise the report in the light of the NASACRE Conference and comments of the members of the SACRE.

26. Information about Religious Education in Secondary Schools

The Committee considered a joint report of the Director of Law and Democratic Services and the SACRE Advisor setting out information regarding the delivery of Religious Education in Wiltshire and Swindon secondary Schools.

Resolved – That the information on the provision of Religious Education in Secondary Schools in Wiltshire and Swindon be noted.

27. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The SACRE noted that its next meeting would be held on Tuesday 6th March 2007 commencing at 6.00 p.m.

28. Vote of Thanks

That this SACRE appreciation for the work undertaken during the year on its behalf by Mrs. Catherine Coster and Ms. Sarah Lawrence be formally recorded.

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Community Cohesion

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 6 March 2007

Author: SACRE Advisor

Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- For the SACRE to discuss the extent to which supporting Community Cohesion is part of the SACRE's role.

Recommendation

- That the SACRE consider what role it might play in promoting Community Cohesion.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 To provide the latest advice to the SACRE on its operation and role.

2. Detail

- 2.1 QCA (Qualifications and Curriculum Authority) has indicated that local SACRE's are bodies that can have a significant impact on community cohesion and have encouraged SACRE's to consider ways in which they might contribute to the valuing of respect and diversity in the local community.
- 2.2 The SACRE Advisor is meeting with the Director of Community to understand how the SACRE's work could contribute to Community Cohesion in Swindon and the SACRE will receive an update at the meeting.
- 2.3 The SACRE are asked to consider what implications this might have for the work and role of Swindon SACRE.

Alternative Options

- None.

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- None associated with this report.

Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Catherine Coster on 0117 927 7454, Email Catherine.coster@bristoldiocese.org or from Sarah Lawrence on 01793 463603, Email slawrence@swindon.gov.uk.

Community Cohesion

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 6 March 2007

Legal / Human Rights Implications

- This report has no specific legal or human rights implications.

Links to Corporate Plans and Policies (in particular to Swindon 2010 Promises)

- The work of the SACRE contributes to the Corporate Plan aims to improve the opportunities for children and young people.

Consultees

- The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted on all reports.
- Director of Quality and Standards

Background Papers and Appendices

- None

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Religious Education Examination Results

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 6 March 2007

Author: Director of Law and Democratic Services / SACRE Advisor

Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- For the SACRE to receive the A Level and GCSE exam results in respect of Religious Education for 2005/06.

Recommendation

- That the SACRE consider the implications of the results.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 To provide the latest advice to the SACRE to assist its monitoring of the provision of Religious Education.

2. Detail

- 2.1 The Religious Education results for Swindon for 2005/06 are set out at Appendix 1. The SACRE is asked to compare the examination results from 2004/05 with the results for 2005/06. Of particular note are the improved take up for long and short course GCSE, improved grades for short course RE, and the slight down turn in A level entries.
- 2.2 The examination results have been submitted to QCA (Qualifications and Curriculum Authority) as part of the SACRE's annual report.
- 2.3 The SACRE is asked to consider the results and any implications for the work and role of Swindon SACRE and its support for local schools.

Alternative Options

- None.

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

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G2 REPORT 2004/2005 KEY STAGE 4 RESULTS

G2

Centre Group Selection

LEA Mainstream

Subject Selection

Religious Educatn (4630)

Religious Studies (4610)

Religious Studies (DD1)

Year Group Selection

11

Gender

Both Boys and Girls

Exam

GCSE Full Course

GCSE Short Course

Centre Aggregation

Default Group

Subject Aggregation

None

NOR

Standard NOR

End of Key Stage / Final

Year Selection

All Candidates

Exam Session

All Exam Sessions

LEA Mainstream

Gender: All Pupils

No. of pupils in school aged 15 at 31/8/2004 Boys: 1132 Girls: 1040 Total: 2172

Section 96 Points: A*=58, A=52, B=46, C=40, D=34, E=28, F=22, G=16, Other Grades=0

Old Points: A*=8, A=7, B=6, C=5, D=4, E=3, F=2, G=1, Other Grades=0

Exam: GCSE Full Course

LEA Mainstream

Session: All Exam Sessions

Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Total A*-C	Total A*-G	U	Gde Pend	ABS	Sec. 96 Mean Points	Old Mean Points	A*-G / NOR	Entries / NOR
Religious Studies	271	34	46	74	59	33	11	9	2	213	268	3			43.50	5.60	12.34	12.48
TOTALS	271	34	46	74	59	33	11	9	2	213	268	3			43.50	5.60	12.34	12.48

LEA Mainstream

G2 2004/2005 KEY STAGE 4 RESULTS ACHIEVED BY YEAR 11

LEA Mainstream

Session: All Exam Sessions

Exam: GCSE Short Course

Gender: All Pupils

No. of pupils in school aged 15 at 31/8/2004 Boys: 1132 Girls: 1040 Total: 2172

Section 96 Points: A*=29, A=26, B=23, C=20, D=17, E=14, F=11, G=8, Other Grades=0

Old Points: A*=4, A=3.5, B=3, C=2.5, D=2, E=1.5, F=1, G=0.5, Other Grades=0

Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Total A*-C	Total A*-G	U	Pend	ABS	Sec. 96 Mean Points	Old Mean Points	A*-G / NOR	Entries / NOR
Religious Studies	741	18	42	99	154	123	111	88	79	313	714	27		18	16.49	1.94	32.87	34.12
TOTALS	741	18	42	99	154	123	111	88	79	313	714	27		18	16.49	1.94	32.87	34.12

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LEA Mainstream

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Gender

Both Boys and Girls

10 **Exam**

9 GCSE Full Course

GCSE Short Course

13

Centre Aggregation

Default Group

Subject Aggregation

None

NOR

Standard NOR

End of Key Stage / Final

Year Selection

All Candidates

Exam Session

All Exam Sessions

LEA Mainstream

G2 2005/2006 KEY STAGE 4 RESULTS ACHIEVED BY YEAR 11

LEA Mainstream

Session: All Exam Sessions

Exam: GCSE Full Course

Gender: All Pupils

No. of pupils in school aged 15 at 31/8/2005 Boys: 1168 Girls: 1081 Total: 2249

Section 96 Points: A*=58, A=52, B=46, C=40, D=34, E=28, F=22, G=16, Other Grades=0

Old Points: A*=8, A=7, B=6, C=5, D=4, E=3, F=2, G=1, Other Grades=0

Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Total A*-C	Total A*-G	U	Pend	ABS	Sec. 96 Mean Points	Old Mean Points	A*-G / NOR	Entries / NOR
Religious Studies	295	15	38	63	66	48	33	21	7	182	291	4		1	39.03	4.86	12.94	13.12
TOTALS	295	15	38	63	66	48	33	21	7	182	291	4		1	39.03	4.86	12.94	13.12

LEA Mainstream

G2 2005/2006 KEY STAGE 4 RESULTS ACHIEVED BY YEAR 11

LEA Mainstream

Session: All Exam Sessions

Exam: GCSE Short Course

Gender: All Pupils

No. of pupils in school aged 15 at 31/8/2005 Boys: 1168 Girls: 1081 Total: 2249

Section 96 Points: A*=29, A=26, B=23, C=20, D=17, E=14, F=11, G=8, Other Grades=0

Old Points: A*=4, A=3.5, B=3, C=2.5, D=2, E=1.5, F=1, G=0.5, Other Grades=0

Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Total A*-C	Total A*-G	U	Pend	ABS	Sec. 96 Mean Points	Old Mean Points	A*-G / NOR	Entries / NOR
Religious Studies	1069	36	91	163	207	195	156	107	77	497	1032	37		37	17.39	2.09	45.89	47.53
TOTALS	1069	36	91	163	207	195	156	107	77	497	1032	37		37	17.39	2.09	45.89	47.53

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A2 REPORT 2004/2005 A LEVEL RESULTS

A2

Centre Group Selection

LEA Mainstream

Subject Selection

Religious Studies (4610)

Religious Studies (DD1)

Year Group Selection

13

Gender

Both Boys and Girls

Exam

GCE A level

GCE AS level

Centre Aggregation

Default Group

Subject Aggregation

None

NOR

Standard NOR

End of Key Stage / Final

Year Selection

All Candidates

Exam Session

All Exam Sessions

LEA Mainstream

A2 2004/2005 A LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS ACHIEVED BY YEAR 13

LEA Mainstream

Session: All Exam Sessions

Exam: GCE A level

Gender: All Pupils

No. of pupils in school aged 17 at 31/8/2004 Boys: 69 Girls: 91 Total: 160

Section 96 Points: A=270, B=240, C=210, D=180, E=150, Other Grades=0

UCAS Tariff: A=120, B=100, C=80, D=60, E=40, Other Grades=0

Subject	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	N	Total		Gde	ABS	Sec. 96 Mean Points	UCAS Mean Points	A-E / NOR	Entries / NOR
								A-C	A-E						
Religious Studies	16	2	6	4	3	1		12	16			219.38	86.25	10.00	10.00
TOTALS	16	2	6	4	3	1		12	16			219.38	86.25	10.00	10.00

LEA Mainstream

A2 2004/2005 A LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS ACHIEVED BY YEAR 13

LEA Mainstream

Session: All Exam Sessions

Exam: GCE AS level

Gender: All Pupils

No. of pupils in school aged 17 at 31/8/2004 Boys: 69 Girls: 91 Total: 160

Section 96 Points: A=135, B=120, C=105, D=90, E=75, Other Grades=0

UCAS Tariff: A=60, B=50, C=40, D=30, E=20, Other Grades=0

Subject	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	N	Total		Gde	ABS	Sec. 96 Mean Points	UCAS Mean Points	A-E / NOR	Entries / NOR
								A-C	A-E	U	Pend				
Religious Studies	8	2	2	2	1	1		4	6	2		76.88	28.75	3.75	5.00
TOTALS	8	2	2	2	1	1		4	6	2		76.88	28.75	3.75	5.00

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A2 REPORT 2005/2006 A LEVEL RESULTS

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Centre Group Selection

LEA Mainstream

Subject Selection

Religious Studies (4610)

Religious Studies (DD1)

Year Group Selection

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Gender

Both Boys and Girls

Exam

GCE A level

GCE AS level

Centre Aggregation

Default Group

Subject Aggregation

None

NOR

Standard NOR

End of Key Stage / Final

Year Selection

All Candidates

Exam Session

All Exam Sessions

LEA Mainstream

A2 2005/2006 A LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS ACHIEVED BY YEAR 13

LEA Mainstream

Session: All Exam Sessions

Exam: GCE A level

Gender: All Pupils

No. of pupils in school aged 17 at 31/8/2005 Boys: 84 Girls: 69 Total: 153

Section 96 Points: A=270, B=240, C=210, D=180, E=150, Other Grades=0

UCAS Tariff: A=120, B=100, C=80, D=60, E=40, Other Grades=0

Subject	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	N	Total A-C	Total A-E	U	Gde Pend	ABS	Sec. 96 Mean Points	UCAS Mean Points	A-E / NOR	Entries / NOR
Religious Studies	10	5	2	1	2			8	10				240.00	100.00	6.54	6.54
TOTALS	10	5	2	1	2			8	10				240.00	100.00	6.54	6.54

LEA Mainstream

A2 2005/2006 A LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS ACHIEVED BY YEAR 13

LEA Mainstream

Session: All Exam Sessions

Exam: GCE AS level

Gender: All Pupils

No. of pupils in school aged 17 at 31/8/2005 Boys: 84 Girls: 69 Total: 153

Section 96 Points: A=135, B=120, C=105, D=90, E=75, Other Grades=0

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Subject	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	N	Total		Gde	ABS	Sec. 96 Mean Points	UCAS Mean Points	A-E / NOR	Entries / NOR
								A-C	A-E						
Religious Studies	5	1	2		1	1		3	5			108.00	42.00	3.27	3.27
TOTALS	5	1	2		1	1		3	5			108.00	42.00	3.27	3.27

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Using Persona Dolls in Foundation and Key Stage 1

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 6 March 2007

Author: Director of Law and Democratic Services / SACRE Advisor

Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- For the SACRE to receive a document on the use of Persona Dolls that will support the teaching of Religious Education in Foundation and Key Stage 1.

Recommendation

- That the SACRE approve the document on use of Persona Dolls to support the teaching of the Locally Agreed Syllabus in Foundation and Key Stage and recommend its use to local schools.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 To provide guidance and support for teachers in the foundation / Key stage 1.

2. Detail

- 2.1 Persona dolls have been used in a variety of early years settings to help children understand the views and feelings of others.
- 2.2 Catherine Coster (SACRE Advisor) has written on a guidance document on how persona dolls can be used to support the teaching of RE in Foundation and Stage 1 and the implications and advantages of using such dolls.
- 2.3 A copy of the guidance document has been circulated to SACRE members with the Agenda.
- 2.4 The SACRE is asked to consider the document and asked to recommend it to schools for supporting the teaching of the local agreed syllabus.

Alternative Options

- None.

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Using Persona Dolls in Foundation and Key Stage 1

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 6 March 2007

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- The costs of printing the guidance document will be met from the SACRE budget.

Legal / Human Rights Implications

- This report has no specific legal or human rights implications.

Links to Corporate Plans and Policies (in particular to Swindon 2010 Promises)

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Consultees

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- Director of Quality and Standards

Background Papers and Appendices

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Update on Address by QCA Religious Education Advisor

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 6 March 2007

Author: Director of Law and Democratic Services / SACRE Advisor

Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- To report on issues arising from an address by Mark Chater, RE Advisor to QCA (Qualifications and Curriculum Authority).

Recommendation

- That the SACRE consider any implications for the work of SACRE arising from the address.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 To provide the latest advice from QCA to the SACRE on its operation and role.

2. Detail

- 2.1 The SACRE Advisor and several members of the SACRE attended an address by Mark Chater, RE Advisor to QCA (Qualifications and Curriculum Authority) in Bristol on Wednesday 14th February. This meeting was organised by the Bristol SACRE, and members of neighbouring SACREs were invited to attend.
- 2.2 The SACRE Advisor will report back on key issues arising from the session, which could have implications for the work and role of Swindon SACRE.

Alternative Options

- None.

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- None associated with this report.

Legal / Human Rights Implications

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