

Swindon Borough Council

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Tuesday, 1 December 2009

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

At 6.00 p.m.

**Councillors
(Group A)**

Councillor Doreen Dart (Chair)
Councillor Michael Bray
Councillor Mavis Childs
Councillor Raymond Fisher
Councillor Fay Howard

**Church of England
(Group B)**

Ms Norma McKemey
Ms Steph Mundin
Mr. Paul Noble
Mrs Penny Summers
Reverend Arthur Woo

**Teacher Organisations
(Group C)**

Mr David Easter
Ms Janet French (tbc)
Ms Jo Garton
Mrs Tracy Mason
Mrs Emma McCarthy
Mrs Helen Miller
Miss Anne Wang
Mrs Mandy Sandleton

**Other Faiths
(Group D)**

Mrs Helen Hancox, United Reformed Church
Reverend David Howell, Swindon Evangelical Alliance
Mr M S Khan, Muslim Community
Mr Dinesh Patel, Hindu Community
Mrs Wendy Tucker, Methodist Church
Mr Malkit Singh Virk, Sikh Community
Mr Arun Bedi, Sikh Community - Deputy

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2009.

5. Chair's Announcements (Pages 5 - 18)

- Attached for information is a copy of the letter which has going out to Swindon Schools with a copy of the Face to Faith DVD and resource booklet.
- The latest edition of 'SACRE News', from NASACRE (the National Association of Standing Advisory Councils for Religious Education) is attached. SACRE Members are invited to raise any issues of note, which they would like the SACRE to explore further at a future meeting.

6. Membership Update (DLDS-B) (Pages 19 - 20)

7. SACRE Surveys Feedback (Katy Staples) (Pages 21 - 32)

8. Reviewing our Vision as a SACRE (Katy Staples) (Pages 33 - 42)

9. Suggested Code of Conduct and Practice for Teachers of RE Consultation (Katy Staples) (Pages 43 - 48)

10. Feedback from Network Meetings (Katy Staples) (Pages 49 - 50)

11. Understanding Faith

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

Councillor Mick Bray will provide a short presentation at the meeting, and will answer questions from SACRE members.

12. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SACRE is on 16th March 2010 at 6 pm.

Date of Despatch: 23 November 2009

Key: Officers:

GDC – Group Director: Children

DLDS-B - 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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