

Swindon Borough Council

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Tuesday, 15 June 2010

Committee Room 6, Civic Offices
(Anticipated meeting room)

At 6.00 p.m.

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

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
Mr Mark Cawte, United Reformed Church & Methodist -
Deputy

**Group B:
The Church of England**

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

**Group C:
Teacher Associations**

David Easter
Janet French
Jo Garton
Mrs Tracy Mason
Mrs Emma McCarthy
Mrs Helen Miller
Miss Anne Wang
Mrs Mandy Sandleton

**Group D:
The Local Authority**

Councillor Doreen Dart
Councillor Junab Ali
Councillor Michael Bray
Councillor Raymond Fisher
Councillor Janet Heenan

Support Officers:

Ms Katy Staples, SACRE Adviser
Ms Sarah Foulkes, School Improvement Adviser
Miss Sarah Lawrence, Committee Officer, (Telephone 01793 463603)
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AGENDA

- 1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for Municipal Year 2010/11**
Nominations are invited for the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair. The SACRE Constitution requires that the Chair and Vice-Chair are appointed from different representative groups.

Voting for the Chair and Vice-Chair will take place in constituent groups, with each constituent group entitled to a single vote on each role.
- 2. Welcome to New Members of the SACRE and 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. Minutes** (Pages 1 - 6)
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2010.
- 6. Chair's Correspondence and Announcements** (Pages 7 - 8)
 - The Chair will present to Mr Arun Bedi and Mr Mark Cawte (Deputy Representatives on Group A) certificates from NASACRE for attending NASACRE Training in April 2010.
 - A copy of a letter which was sent to the Group Director and to the SACRE Chair from the British Humanist Association is attached as an Appendix for information and will be subject to a further report in due course.
 - Ofsted has in the last few days published 'Transforming Religious Education' an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of RE in primary and secondary schools. Key issues will be highlighted in a report to the next meeting. A copy of the report can be found on the Ofsted website (www.ofsted.gov.uk).
- 7. Implementing the SACRE Development Plan 2010/11** (Pages 9 - 12)
(SACRE Adviser)
- 8. Religious Education in English Schools - Non Statutory Guidance 2010**
(Pages 13 - 28) (SACRE Adviser)
- 9. Effective SACREs - New Training Materials** (Pages 29 - 30) (SACRE Adviser)
- 10. Update on National Developments in Relation to SACREs** (Pages 31 - 34)
(SACRE Adviser)
- 11. Feedback from NASACRE AGM and Other Training Events** (Pages 35 - 44)
(SACRE Adviser)

12. Future meetings of SACRE

Meetings of the SACRE will be held during this municipal year on Tuesday 28th September 2010, Tuesday 7th December 2010, and Tuesday 15th March 2011. All meetings will start at 6 pm.

The SACRE has asked that some of its meetings each year are held at places of worship or schools. Members of the SACRE are invited to contact the Clerk if they wish to offer a venue for a future meeting.

Date of Despatch: 07 June 2010

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.*

Access Arrangements – *The Venue is wheelchair accessible and an infrared receiver hearing system is provided. If you would wish to attend the meeting but 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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