



# Doncaster Council

## Report

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10 November 2022

**To: The Chair and Members of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)**

**Report Title: Appointments and Membership Update**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of the report is to note the appointment of New Members on to the Doncaster Council Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE).

### **EXEMPT REPORT**

2. N/A

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. (1) To note the appointment of the following representatives onto Doncaster Council's Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE):-
  - Vanessa Gregory – Church of England representative
  - Amy Roddam – Methodist representative
  - Sally Faulkener – Christian denominations and other religions representative
- (2) To note the current Membership and vacancies attached at Appendix 1

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?**

4. Local Councils play a key role in helping to shape and drive forward improvement in education settings and it is important that they are involved in shaping the quality of provision in their area.

## BACKGROUND

5. SACRE is the statutory body responsible for advising the local authority on Religious Education (RE) and collective worship and is composed of four groups, which represent:
  - Christian denominations and other religions (and their denominations)
  - The Church of England
  - Teacher Associations
  - the Local Authority (Elected Members)
6. In order for a SACRE meeting to be quorate, there must be at least one Member from each of the above groups, and without this, no formal decisions can be taken.
7. The main function of SACRE is to agree and review the syllabus for teaching religious education in Doncaster schools. It must also produce an annual report of its work and consider any requests from a head teacher to be released from the requirement for collective worship to be broadly of a Christian character. Members of SACRE have responsibility for supporting and encouraging high standards in RE and collective worship across schools in the Borough.
8. There have been a number of occasions over the past few years where SACRE meetings have been inquorate due to inadequate representation from the four groups. Following a recent recruitment exercise, a number of individuals have now been identified to fill these vacancies.
9. The Education Act 1996 Section 392 (2) states that “before appointing a person to represent any religion, denomination or associations as a members of the council, the authority shall take all responsible steps to assure themselves that he is representative of the religion, denomination or associations put in question.” These assurances have been given for each of the individuals named below, e.g. from the Bishop of Doncaster, Yorkshire Baptist Association
  - Vanessa Gregory – Church of England representative
  - Amy Roddam – Methodist representative
  - Sally Faulkener – Christian denominations and other religions representative
10. An officer decision has been submitted to Leanne Hornsby, Assistant Director, Education, Skills, Culture and Heritage to approve the appointments detailed within paragraphs 3 and 9 above.
11. Attached at Appendix 1 is a list of the current Membership and the Vacancies on the Committee.

## OPTIONS CONSIDERED

12. There are no other options considered.





## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

13. To ensure that SACRE meetings remains quorate and able to effectively undertake its role.

## IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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Great 8 Priority	Positive Overall	Mix of Positive & Negative	Trade-offs to consider – Negative overall	Neutral or No implications
 <b>Tackling Climate Change</b>				✓
Comments: This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes				
 <b>Developing the skills to thrive in life and in work</b>				✓
Comments: This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes				
 <b>Making Doncaster the best place to do business and create good jobs</b>				✓
Comments: This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes				
 <b>Building opportunities for</b>				✓

<b>healthier, happier and longer lives for all</b>				
Comments: This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes				
 <b>Creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities where everyone belongs</b>				✓
Comments: This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes				
 <b>Nurturing a child and family-friendly borough</b>				✓
Comments: This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes				
 <b>Building Transport and digital connections fit for the future</b>				✓
Comments: This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes				
 <b>Promoting the borough and its cultural, sporting, and heritage opportunities</b>				✓
Comments: This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes				
<b>Fair &amp; Inclusive</b>				✓
Comments: This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes				

## **Legal Implications [Officer Initials SF Date .....]**

15. The Local Authority has a duty to establish a permanent body known as the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) in accordance with Chapter 3 of the Education Act 1996. The purpose of SACRE includes advising the Local Authority on matters connected with religious worship and education and to publish an annual report on the exercise of its functions.

The 1996 Act specifies particular groups of persons that are required to be appointed by the Authority as representative Members making up the Membership of SACRE, as identified in paragraphs 3 and 9 above.

## **Financial Implications**

16. There are no financial implications associated with this report

## **Human Resources Implications**

17. There are no HR Implications associate with this report

## **Technology Implications**

18. There are no HR Implications associate with this report

## **RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

19. There are no identified risks or assumptions relevant to this report.

## **CONSULTATION**

20. None

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

21. Officer Decision Record

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**SACRE MEMBERSHIP 2022/23**

**Group A: Christian Denominations (12 members)** and such other religions and religious denominations as, in the authority's opinion, will appropriately reflect the principal religious traditions in the area.

1. Amy Roddam, Methodist
2. Mrs P Kaur, Sikh
3. Mr S Syed, Muslim
4. Mr B Teimoori, Baha'i
5. Lucy Saxton, Roman Catholic
6. Mary Sivaanbu, Hindu
7. Mr Joel Ward, Baptist
8. Mr Bob Kiddle, Humanist (Chair)
9. Ms Sally Faulkener
- 10. Vacancy - Buddhist**
- 11. Vacancy - Doncaster Society of Friends**
- 12. Vacancy – Doncaster Interfaith**

**Group B: The Church of England (4)**

1. Mr Andy Wright
2. Vanessa Gregory
- 3. Vacancy**
- 4. Vacancy**

**Group C: Teacher Associations (5 Members)**

1. Ms Tara Moxon, NEU
2. Ms Danielle Heath, NEU
- 3. Vacancy, NASUWT**
- 4. Vacancy - National Union of Teachers**

**5.      *Vacancy - National Association of Head Teachers***

**Group D: The Local Authority (4 Members) \***

1.      Councillor Jane Cox
2.      Councillor Sue Knowles
3.      Councillor Tracey Moran
4.      Councillor Glynis Smith (Vice-Chair)

\*Local authority Members are appointed annually by Doncaster Council to reflect the political make-up of the Council.