



**City of
Doncaster
Council**

Report

23 February 2023

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

Report Title: Appointment and Membership Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of the report is to note the appointment of a New Member 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 representative onto Doncaster Council's Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE):-
 - Jugtinder Singh – Teacher Associations (NEU) representative
- (2) To note the current Membership of SACRE as detailed 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, an individual has 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 the individual named below.
 - Jugtinder Singh – Teacher Associations (NEU) representative
10. An Officer decision was taken by Leanne Hornsby, Assistant Director, Education, Skills, Culture and Heritage on 9th February 2023 approving the appointment, as detailed within paragraphs 3 and 9 above and as attached at Appendix A.
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
 Tackling Climate Change				✓
Comments: This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes				
 Developing the skills to thrive in life and in work				✓
Comments: This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes				
 Making Doncaster the best place to do business and create good jobs				✓
Comments: This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes				
 Building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all				✓

Comments:

This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes



**Creating safer,
stronger,
greener and cleaner
communities where
everyone belongs**



Comments:

This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes



**Nurturing a child and
family-friendly
borough**



Comments:

This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes



**Building Transport
and digital
connections fit for the
future**



Comments:

This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes



**Promoting the
borough and its
cultural, sporting, and
heritage opportunities**



Comments:

This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes

Fair & Inclusive



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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