

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AGENDA

7.00 pm	
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Thursday 20 October 2016 Romford & District Synagogue, Eastern Road, Romford RM1 3NH

Members 26: Quorum 8 <u>BUT</u> a minimum of one representative must attend from each group

Representative Groups (current membership)

Group A	_
Representing Christian denominations and other religious denominations (16):	 Mrs Christine Seymour (Chairman), Humanist Mrs Pamela Coles (Vice Chairman), Methodist Mr Luthaneal Adams, Pagan Federation Mr Om Dhir, Hindu Mrs Jenny Fox, Salvation Army Mrs Dawn Ladbrook, Evangelical Free Church Dr John Lester, Baha'i faith Mr Tariq Mahmood, Sunni Muslim Mr Nasir Mubashar, Ahmadiyya Muslim Mr Sansar Narwal, Sikh Pastor Aloysius Peter, Pentecostal Church Saddhabhaya, Buddhist Mr Kamal Siddiqui, Sunni Muslim Mr John Smailes, Evangelical Free Church Barry Smith, United Reformed Church Rabbi Lee Sunderland, Jewish Mr Kevin Walsh, Roman Catholic
Group B	
Representing the Church of England (3):	Mrs Sue Freeman Mrs Stephanie Ellner Mike Dean
Group C	
Representing teachers (2):	Kirsty Fanning, ATL Ms Linda Munday, Teachers (NUT-Primary)
Group D	
Representing the Local Authority (5):	Councillor Joshua Chapman Councillor Gillian Ford Councillor Jason Frost Councillor Dilip Patel Councillor Stephanie Nunn Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson – co-optee

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AGENDA ITEMS

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - IF ANY, TO RECEIVE

2 NEW OR SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS & WELCOME TO VISITORS

To note any substitute members present at the meeting and welcome any new members.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING (Pages 1 - 6)

To agree as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2016 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them and to address any matters arising therefrom.

4 UPDATE ON SCHOOL ACTIVITY (Pages 7 - 8)

To receive oral and written reports from the professional representative and to comment on them or propose action as necessary.

5 GCSE ISSUES (Pages 9 - 36)

Presented by Mrs Weston

6 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Pages 37 - 40)

To receive oral and written reports and to comment on or propose action as appropriate.

7 SACRE MEMBERSHIP

To be presented by SACRE's professional advisor.

8 COMPLAINTS PROTOCOL

To be presented by SACRE's professional advisor.

9 CODE OF CONDUCT

An initial discussion concerning the introduction of a code of conduct for SACRE members.

10 NASACRE CONSTITUTION (Pages 41 - 46)

Members are requested to read the attached proposals ahead of the meeting.

• Agree and cast your SACRE vote on the new NASACRE constitution.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Any member may raise issues previously notified to either the Chairman or the Clerk (unless the issue relates to a matter arising from the meeting itself or is of an urgent nature, when the Chairman will determine whether to allow it or not). Two items already for members to consider – both from the most recent NASACRE Briefing:

- Discuss the questions posed about the teaching of Islam in the item on the "Tell MAMA" report. Members might wish to consider whether a sub-group should be set up to investigate the relevance of the "Tell MAMA" survey to local concerns and how the LA is responding.
- Do members consider that a training day would be helpful? If so, do they want to consider when it should be held and what it should cover now or delegate this to a group to oversee and report back at the next meeting?

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The proposed date of the Spring Term meeting: **Thursday 23 March 2017** and the venue will be the Town Hall, Romford, commencing at 7.00pm. SACRE is invited to consider agreeing dates for the Summer and Autumn Terms and to note that the election of Chair and Vice Chair is due in autumn 2017.

GRANT SÖDERBERG Clerk to SACRE