

CALDERDALE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CALDERDALE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Minutes of SACRE Meeting**  
**Monday 4 October 2022**  
**5.00 pm**  
**Savile Park at Heath**

**Members in attendance:**

**Committee A**

Representing Other Denominations & Faiths	Mr Dipan Mistry (DM) Mr Jake Womack (JW)
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**Committee B**

Representing the Church of England	Ms Trish Boyd (PB) Canon James Allison (JA)
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**Committee C**

Teachers/Unions	Mr Mark Sharp (MS) (Vice Chair) Mr Robert Fox (RF) Ms Katie Pawson (KP) Ms Shelagh Hirst (SH) (Chair)
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**Committee D**

Representing Calderdale Council	Cllr Dot Foster (DF) Cllr Brenda Monteith (BM)
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**In attendance**

Mrs Debby Simpson – Clerk (DAS) Mr Ian Ross (IR)
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Quorum for the meeting is 1 representative from each of the 4 Committees

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Rupert Madeley, Megan Stephenson, Val Heyward, Simon Benson

The clerk informed members that Helena Angstmann had sent her apologies and also resigned from SACRE due to her leaving her position in school.

Members had just attended the RE Network running before the meeting and gave the following feedback:

It was evident that the co-ordinators all had a passion for RE and the impact it had on other subjects and cross curriculum work.

Co-ordinators found the Units of Work useful but had asked if it was possible to put these on Calderdale's website with a password protect.

Co-ordinators felt that it would be useful to have a priorities list within the syllabus highlighting what is important in each key stage. A traffic light system for progression might be helpful showing which parts need to come first. Co-ordinators were impressed with the syllabus and the content that was in it.

It was felt that there needs to be core knowledge and consistency throughout the years with regular scrutiny to ensure there is nothing inappropriate. All were happy that the syllabus was at the right level.

One of the issues that there needed to be fleshing out of subject knowledge as there was no specialism within RE and co-ordinators wanted to know how SACRE pinpoint in order for them to get the correct CPD.

There were lots of issues regarding sensitivity for new leaders with some co-ordinators not having seeing the sensitivity document that had been produced. Things like this were no being covered as RE was not a priority within schools and was not being taught by teachers.

Pupils were not able to recall key knowledge and co-ordinators were reluctant to move away from the syllabus for fear of not being able to have open and frank conversations. Co-ordinators asked if SACRE were aware that it is mainly TA's teaching this and are they speaking to the right people.

Co-ordinators said they would also like more knowledge on other religions. Zoom had helped.

There was also the issue that children were further back in experience due to Covid and visits were more difficult due to budget cuts.

Members discussed the feedback in detail and agreed that they would see what they could do. It was felt that the sharing of good practice would help support TA's with less knowledge and that it would be good to see more depth rather than breadth in the subject.

Diversity day was also discussed as this had been really good for local people.

## **2. Minutes of Meeting Held 23 June 2022 and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the 23 June 2022 and also those of the 14 March 2022 were agreed. This was due to the previous meeting not being quorate.

Members went through the items that could not be agreed previously due to the meeting not being quorate. The following items were agreed:

Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Committees were agreed.

Members were happy to approve the removal of certain members.

- . There were no matters arising.

## **3. Membership Update**

The Diocese were currently looking at swapping SH from Union position to C of E.

New members were James Allison – now representing the C of E, Katie Pawson, Simon Bedford and Megan Stephenson representing schools. SH welcomed those present to the meeting.

DAS has written to Hilary Barber to ask for help with making interfaith contacts re membership but has not had any response as yet.

## **4. Report from Provision Survey**

The survey is being left open for a little longer. There have so far been 58 responses and another reminder has been sent. The survey should provide information on who teaches RE in schools and what support is needed. IR will report the results once complete.

The provision and survey data will be looked at by a working party.

## **5. Agreed Work Plan for SACRE 2022/23**

IR went through the plan with members. The priorities from the SEF and feedback from the network will be added into the plan. He informed members that Westhill give grants to SACRE's to enhance RE so if there are any particular projects that are taking place, this is something SACRE could apply for.

It was noted that West Yorkshire SACRE chairs also meet together in order to share good practice that could be useful.

It was agreed that in order to make the plan work 4 working parties would be needed. Each party could then report back to the full group.

The membership of the working parties was agreed as below and the clerk will send the list to members not present to see which working party they would like to go on.

#### **Working Party 1 - Annual Report and data analysis**

- Reading and commenting on draft annual report
- Analysing data re provision surveys, GCSE results and A Levels
- Analysis of Ofsted reports

**Membership:** JW, MS, SH, DF

#### **Working Party 2 - Schools and Teaching**

- Reviewing school websites for curriculum plans and checking for RE
- Link with network meetings, acting as a liaison between teachers of RE and SACRE
- Supporting Collective Worship reviews

**Membership:** RF, MS, PB, KP, SH

#### **Working Party 3 - National Association of SACREs (NASACRE)**

- Reading and referring items from NASACRE newsletter
- Possible attendance at NASACRE annual conference
- Attending training offered by NASACRE

**Membership:** SH – All members can attend training

#### **Working Party 4 - Strategic group**

- Planning agenda
- Reviewing guidance
- Annual review of the SEF
- Meeting and inducting new members
- Applying for Westhill Grant

**Membership:** MS, SH, JA

Meetings of the working parties will be called as and when necessary.

### **6. NASACRE Training Feedback**

No training had been attended but members were encouraged to attend where possible.

### **7. Any Other Business**

None.

## **8. Agreement of Faith and Sensitivity Document**

This had been sent to members with the Agenda. The document had been looked at in June across 4 Local Authorities encompassing any issues that were happening. The document is a guide for headteachers on how to deal with these sensitive issues. There was also a part from the cohesion team at the back that give details on how they could help schools.

It was pointed out that there was no information on Hinduism in the work that the cohesion team do. IR explained that this was due to there being no representation on the Interfaith Council.

**DP to see he if can find representation.**

## **9. Dates of Next Meetings and Venues**

1 December 2022 – 6.00 pm (Annual Report)  
28 February 2023 – 6.00 pm (Collective Worship)  
28 June 2023 – 6.00 pm (AGM)

Venues TBA.