

Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 25 September 2017 at 10.00 am in
Cabinet Room D – The Henry Bolingbroke Room, County Hall, Preston**

Attendees

Teacher Associations	Mr P Martin (ASCL) (Chair) Mrs J Gordon (ATL) Mrs J Roper (NASUWT)
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Church of England	Mrs N Chappelow Mr J Wilson Mrs H Sage Mrs J O'Rourke
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Lancashire County Council	CC A Cheetham CC S Malik CC Y Motala (Vice Chair) Mr F Williams
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Representing Islam	Mufti J Pathan Mufti K Ibrahim
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Representing Hinduism	Mrs H Shukla Mr I Tailor
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Representing Higher Education	Mrs C Reade
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Representing the LASGB	Mrs Kathleen Cooper
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The Faith Centre	Mr Afraisiab Anwar
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Observers

Representing the Bahá'í Faith	Dr Malcolm Craig
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Previously represented Lancaster Diocese	Mrs J Busby
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Officers

Mrs A Lloyd – Advisor (School Improvement), Lancashire County Council, Children and Young People Directorate

Mrs M Mahmood – Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council, Legal and Democratic Services

Mrs L Cook – Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council, Legal and Democratic Services

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr B McMullen, Mr C Wills, Mr K Pagpa, Ms J Crabtree, CC P Buckley, Ms J Harris, Mr A Brennand, Ms S Elton-Chalcraft, Mr A H Qureshi and Mrs T Safraz.

Link to Website:

[Lancashire SACRE Website](#)

2. Minutes of the last meeting 3 July 2017

The minutes of the last meeting held on 3 July 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Powerpoint Presentation – New Member Training

Mrs A Lloyd welcomed new members to the meeting and introduced herself. Members received a welcome pack which provided essential information such as the terms of reference for SACRE, meeting dates, list of members and information on what SACRE was all about.

A detailed presentation was provided for new SACRE members and covered a range of information including:

- What is the purpose of a SACRE
- Membership of the SACRE and the different groups
- The Lancashire SACRE
- Aims of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus
- Field of Enquiry
- Community Cohesion

As part of the presentation, members grouped together into small groups and discussed what they wanted a religiously educated school leaver to know, understand and do.

Information was provided on the Faith Centre in Burnley by Mr A Anwar. Members were informed that the Faith Centre was established by the County Council in 2001 following the Burnley disturbances with an aim to promoting tolerance and respect between different faiths. The Centre had developed significantly over the years and now provided a traded service for primary and secondary schools across the whole of Lancashire. The meeting in April 2018 would be held at the Faith Centre in Burnley.

Mrs A Lloyd provided details on the annual report that was produced by the SACRE, and information on Youth Voice which was led by Ms J Harris was shared. The last event arranged for Youth Voice was a Student Debate held at County Hall earlier in

the year where students from 8 schools in Lancashire debated R.E. topics. The event had been a huge success.

Members were informed of the annual R.E. conference which would take place on the 16 October 2017 at Farington Lodge in Leyland. 10 spaces had been allocated for SACRE members, anyone wishing to attend needed to inform Mrs A Lloyd.

The Chair, Mr P Martin shared information on the North North West (NNW) Hub meetings which took place on a regular basis. The group had been established for 4 years and it was a group of SACRE's getting together and included representation from Blackpool, Cumbria, Bolton, Rochdale, Halton, Warrington and Wigan. The next meeting would be held on the 15 November 2017.

Action: It was agreed that the Quiz would be postponed to the next meeting.

4. 10 Minute Break and Networking Opportunity

A networking opportunity and break was provided to members of the SACRE.

5. Expert Pool of Teachers – Progress Update

Mrs A Lloyd explained that Management Team had agreed to recruit a band of teachers in Primary and Secondary schools who were experts in their field as currently there was only Ms J Crabtree and Ms J Harris that were relied upon heavily. The role had been advertised and interviews would take place on the 18 October 2017. An update would be provided at the next SACRE meeting.

6. School Visits

The SACRE arranged regular school visits for members to attend and feedback would then be shared at SACRE meetings. There had not been a visit since the last meeting but the next one was being organised for Friday 20 October 2017 in Burnley.

7. Members' News

This agenda item was an opportunity for members to share any news from their community including any events, celebrations or news.

Mrs H Shukla shared with the group that the Hindu community were currently celebrating Navratri and on the 19 October 2017 it would be Diwali celebrations.

8. Observers' Contributions

Dr M Craig shared with the group that 13 - 17 November 2017 would be Interfaith Week, members could find out further information about events and activities on the Preston Faith Forum website.

9. Correspondence

There was nothing to report for this item.

10. Forthcoming QSS Agenda Items

Items for the next QSS agenda had been discussed and included the following:

- Review of recent reports including NATRE report on the provision of R.E. and report from Commission on Religious Education.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SACRE will be held on Monday 27 November 2017 at 10.00am in Cabinet Room D, The Henry Bollingbroke Room at County Hall, Preston.

Paul Bond

Clerk to the SACRE