



SURREY SACRE MINUTES

Extraordinary Meeting of the Surrey SACRE

Date: Thursday 4th May, Spring 2023

Time: 4-4.30pm

Venue – Virtual Meeting – online only

This meeting was recorded as part of minute taking.

Quorum required – 9

Members Present – 13

Present: Liz Bowes, Chairman

Group A:

Rosslyn Doney

Sarah Harris – Vice Chairman, SACRE

Kawther Hashmi Akhtar

Jennie Johnson – Chair Group A

Simon Mortimore

Ranju Panda

Patrick Jatumet Thueanmuenwai

Inderjeet Rehncy

Peter Ward

Group B:

Shaun Burns

Rev Sarah Hutton

Jane Whittington (JW) – Chair Group B

Group C:

Rashida Nasir

Group D:

No members present

In Attendance:

Rachel Boxer, Primary RE Consultant & Adviser to the SACRE

Nicola Morgan, Senior Educational Effectiveness Advisor, Surrey County Council

Jane Whittingdale, GDBE School Services Manager and Clerk to SACRE

All papers for the meeting are sent as attachments, named by item number for ease of reference			
<i>Member support, questions, and challenge</i>		<i>Responsesⁱ</i>	
Item	SACRE	Actions arising	
No.	Time convened: 4pm	By Whom	By When
1.	Welcome	Chair	
2.	<p>Proxy votes submitted by email to Clerk to SACRE in advance of meeting with apologies for absence.</p> <p>Group A – Rev Allan Taylor</p> <p>Group C – Alex Page; Saadia Nawaz; Saima Saleh; Gemma Papworth</p> <p>Group D – Robert Hughes; Buddi Weerasinghe</p>		

	<p>Not in attendance Group C – Deborah Jackson (new member to be proposed); Group D – Andy Lynch; Jordan Beech</p>		
3.	<p>Constitution: Chair proposes new Group A Buddhist member, Patrick Jatumet Thueanmuenwai to Committee. Committee vote YES to adopt new member to Group A.</p>	Chair (LB)	
4.	<p>Chair's Actions - Paper</p> <p>Chair kindly advises committee asking the Clerk read as follows for the benefit of new officers and members are present: <i>The constitution 2020-22 states 5.4 "The committees (A, B, C & D) on an ASC (Agreed Syllabus Conference) must vote unanimously on the adoption of any new or revised agreed syllabus in accordance with the <u>1996 Education Act Schedule 31.</u>"</i></p> <p>The protocol:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Each committee (A, B, C & D) gets only one vote. It is essential that the vote is unanimous for the syllabus to get to the Cabinet meeting. (It is usually the responsibility of each committee's (A, B C & D) Chair to cast it's one vote.) Before the vote takes place, each committee group is provided the courtesy to decide how it's group will vote. This will consider the votes of its members present and those votes submitted by proxy. As the meeting is online, breakout rooms will be made available for each committee group, as appropriate. Each committee Chair (or nominated present member from that committee group) will then advise SACRE of the committee group's one vote. Once all the committee groups have voted and the vote has taken place, the ASC is dissolved and the LA must adopt the syllabus, assuming that it is satisfied that it 'reflects the fact that the religious traditions in Great Britain are in the main Christian while taking account of the teaching and practices of the other principal religions [<i>and beliefs</i>] represented in Great Britain' [<i>Schedule 21, paragraph 10 2(b)</i>] <p>Proxy vote has been agreed and deemed as being acceptable for those members not able to attend the meeting in person. Clerk advises Group Chairs SACRE ASC Committee (Group) Member Votes by Proxy. Groups are asked to convene within break out rooms for five minutes to decide on how each of ASC sub-committee Groups will cast their vote.</p> <p>After reconvening, LB kindly requests the Group Chairs to cast their votes on behalf of their respective ASC Groups.</p> <p>Group A – Group Chair votes Yes on behalf of sub-committee Group B – Group Chair votes Yes on behalf of sub-committee Group C – Group Chair votes Yes on behalf of sub-committee Group D – Chair of SACRE votes Yes on behalf of sub-committee.</p> <p>The committees (A, B, C & D) on an ASC (Agreed Syllabus Conference) vote unanimously on the adoption of any new or revised agreed syllabus in accordance with the <u>1996 Education Act Schedule 31.</u>"</p>	<p>Chair (LB)</p> <p>All</p> <p>JJ JW'ton RN Chair (LB)</p> <p>Clerk</p>	<p>4/05/2023</p>

Meeting Concluded by Chairman at 4.35pm			
5	Date of Next Meetings: Church House, Guildford and Hybrid. 21 st June 3-5pm	ALL	

The meeting closed at 4.40pm

Signature:ⁱⁱ Minutes Approved by SACRE Committee

Date: 11th October 2023

Minutes to be circulated to:ⁱⁱⁱSACRE Committee, Local Authority SACRE Officers, Diocese and being also published in the public domain via cofguildford.org.uk

Summary of actions^{iv} N/A

ⁱ Highlighting the questions that members are asking and the responses they are receiving will make it easier to identify member challenge, questions; *italics*.

ⁱⁱ Minutes can be signed physically on paper copies or via email or using any available method of obtaining digital signatures (whereby the minutes cannot be altered at a later date, after they have been signed); the approved method(s) for signing the minutes must have minuted agreement by the full committee

ⁱⁱⁱ E.g. Diocese, Local Authority, Trust board, etc

^{iv} The summary of actions table can be circulated as a separate document as soon as possible after the meeting before also being included in the minutes