



Northumberland County Council

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Date: Tuesday, 5 July 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)** to be held in **CONFERENCE ROOM 2 - COUNTY HALL** on **WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2022** at **4.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

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To Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) members



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AGENDA

PART I

It is expected that the matters included in this part of the agenda will be dealt with in public.

1. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

To note the membership and terms of reference of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education for the 2022/23 Council year as agreed by Annual Council at the meeting on 4 May 2022 as follows:-

**4 members
(2:1:1 Min Gp)**

Quorum: 1 Member from each Group (Committee A, B, C & D)

Chair: G. Renner Thompson

Vice Chair: A religious representative

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
G. Renner Thompson	L. Bowman			N. Morphet	
T. Thorne					

(In addition, there are 19 other members who have an education background or an interest in religious education).

Terms of Reference

To advise the Authority upon such matters connected with religious worship in County schools, and the religious education to be given in accordance with an agreed syllabus as the Authority may refer to the Council, or as the Council may see fit.

An update will be provided by the Clerk on the recruitment of new members

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

To note the election of Councillor G. Renner-Thompson as Chair of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education for the ensuing 2022/2023 Council year as appointed by Council on 4 May 2022.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

4. MINUTES

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Minutes of the meeting of the Northumberland Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE), held on Wednesday, 2 February 2022, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Chair

Minutes of the meeting of the Northumberland Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE), Agreed Syllabus Conference, held on Wednesday, 6 April 2022, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record, and signed by the chair.

5. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education for the ensuing 2022/2023 Council year.

6. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required where a matter arises at a meeting;

- a. Which **directly relates to** Disclosable Pecuniary Interest ('DPI') as set out in Appendix B, Table 1 of the Code of Conduct, to disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote and not to remain in room. Where members have a DPI or if the matter concerns an executive function and is being considered by a Cabinet Member with a DPI they must notify the Monitoring Officer and arrange for somebody else to deal with the matter.
- b. Which **directly relates to** the financial interest or well being of a Other Registrable Interest as set out in Appendix B, Table 2 of the Code of Conduct to disclose the interest and only speak on the matter if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain the room.
- c. Which **directly relates to** their financial interest or well-being (and is not DPI) or the financial well being of a relative or close associate, to declare the interest and members may only speak on the matter if members of the public are also allowed to speak. Otherwise, the member must not take part in discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room.
- d. Which **affects** the financial well-being of the member, a relative or close associate or a body included under the Other Registrable Interests column in Table 2, to disclose the interest and apply the test set out at paragraph 9 of Appendix B before deciding whether they may remain in the meeting.
- e. Where Members have or a Cabinet Member has an Other Registrable Interest or Non Registrable Interest in a matter being

considered in exercise of their executive function, they must notify the Monitoring Officer and arrange for somebody else to deal with it.

NB Any member needing clarification must contact monitoringofficer@northumberland.gov.uk. Members are referred to the Code of Conduct which contains the matters above in full. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this agenda letter.

7. AN UPDATE OF CONTACTS WITH SCHOOLS AND TRAINING PROVISION

To receive an update from Caroline Weir, Part-time RE Consultant about the provision of RE in-service training and contacts with schools since the last related meeting. To receive an update from C. Weir (RE Consultant) regarding the provision of RE in-service training and contacts with schools since the last related meeting.

8. SCHOOL WORKFORCE DATA

(Pages
11 - 12)

To receive and discuss the School Workforce Census data

9. FEEDBACK ON THE AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE LAUNCH

To receive an update from C. Weir (RE Consultant) regarding the event launch of the Agreed Syllabus held on 28 June 2022.

10. NASACRE ISSUES

(Pages
13 - 20)

The NASACRE Newsletter

To receive the latest newsletter– for information.

Reminder of web site link: www.nasacre.org.uk for other interesting articles which Members may wish to view.

11. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2022 REPORT CARD

(Pages
21 - 26)

To receive the Religious Education 2022 Report Card.

12. REVIEW OF NASACRE CONFERENCE AND TRAINING EVENTS

(Pages
27 - 30)

A) To receive a review of the NASACRE Conference and AGM from C. Weir (RE Consultant) and J. Miller

B) To receive a verbal review of NASACRE Training Events attended by

SACRE members this academic year

13. SACRE SUB-COMMITTEE

(Pages
31 - 32)

To receive a report from J. Miller, Chair of the Sub-committee on future work for SACRE.

14. NORTHUMBERLAND SACRE ACTION PLAN SEPTEMBER 2021 TO AUGUST 2023

(Pages
33 - 36)

To monitor the Northumberland SACRE Action Plan September 2021 – August 2023

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education will be held on Wednesday, 9 November 2022

16. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST AT THIS MEETING, PLEASE:

- Declare it and give details of its nature before the matter is discussed or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- Complete this sheet and pass it to the Democratic Services Officer.

Name:		Date of meeting:	
Meeting:			
Item to which your interest relates:			
Nature of Interest i.e. either disclosable pecuniary interest (as defined by Table 1 of Appendix B to the Code of Conduct, Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest (as defined by Appendix B to Code of Conduct) (please give details):			
Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?		Yes - <input type="checkbox"/>	No - <input type="checkbox"/>

Registering Interests

Within 28 days of becoming a member or your re-election or re-appointment to office you must register with the Monitoring Officer the interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 1 (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)** which are as described in "The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012". You should also register details of your other personal interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 2 (Other Registerable Interests)**.

"Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" means an interest of yourself, or of your partner if you are aware of your partner's interest, within the descriptions set out in Table 1 below.

"Partner" means a spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners.

1. You must ensure that your register of interests is kept up-to-date and within 28 days of becoming aware of any new interest, or of any change to a registered interest, notify the Monitoring Officer.
2. A 'sensitive interest' is as an interest which, if disclosed, could lead to the councillor, or a person connected with the councillor, being subject to violence or intimidation.
3. Where you have a 'sensitive interest' you must notify the Monitoring Officer with the reasons why you believe it is a sensitive interest. If the Monitoring Officer agrees they will withhold the interest from the public register.

Non participation in case of disclosable pecuniary interest

4. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in **Table 1**, you must disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest.

Dispensation may be granted in limited circumstances, to enable you to participate and vote on a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

5. Where you have a disclosable pecuniary interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.

Disclosure of Other Registerable Interests

6. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your Other Registerable Interests (as set out in **Table 2**), you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Disclosure of Non-Registerable Interests

7. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to your financial interest or well-being (and is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest set out in **Table 1**) or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate, you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

8. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **affects** –

- a. your own financial interest or well-being;
- b. a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate; or
- c. a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under Other Registrable Interests as set out in **Table 2** you must disclose the interest. In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied

9. Where a matter (referred to in paragraph 8 above) **affects** the financial interest or well- being:

- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise, you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Where you have an Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.