

Time commenced – 4.37pm

Time finished – 6.04pm

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
1 February 2024**

Present:

Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths

Judith Withers	Baptist Church
Eve Sacker	Jewish Faith
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon	Sikh Faith
Aqib Ayaz	Islamic Faith
Fiazan Mohammed	Islamic Faith

Group B – Church of England

Zoe Higgins
Viv Lawrence

Group C – Teachers' Associations

Wendy Hardy NEU

Group D – Local Education Authority

Councillor Ashby
Councillor C Wright

In Attendance:

Steve Ford	Lead Officer to SACRE
George Grignon	Windrush Presentation
Imran Arif	NEU
Sharon Buckby	Director of Learning Inclusion and Skills
Purjinder Gill	Service Manager for Community Safety

12/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Group A – Phil Royle

Group D – Cllr Morgan-McGeehan, Cllr Lonsdale, Cllr Martin

13/23 Late Items to be introduced by the Chair

A late item was introduced on SACRE Membership, Resignations and Vacancies. The SACRE noted that this was being taken as a late item as new members of SACRE had been proposed since the agenda for this meeting

had been published.

14/23 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

15/23 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 4 October 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2023 were noted.

16/23 SACRE Membership, Resignations and Vacancies

It was reported that nominations for a four-year term had been received from the nominating body for the following members:

Group A (Christianity and Other World Faiths)

Fiazan Mohammed (Islamic Faith)

Aqib Ayaz (Islamic Faith)

The Clerk reported that the following SACRE Member had chosen to resign since the last SACRE meeting:

Group A (Christianity and Other World Faiths)

Mohammed Khurshid (Islamic Faith)

Qazi Abdul Mateen (Islamic Faith)

Mair Bradley (United Reformed Church)

Group C (Teachers' Associations)

Cheryl Fearn (NASUWT)

Kieran Picken (NEU)

The Clerk to SACRE reported that the following positions were currently vacant:

Group A (Christianity and Other World Faiths)

Bahai Faith

Buddhist Faith

Salvation Army

Serbian Orthodox Church

United Reformed Church

Group C (Teachers' Associations)

National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)

Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)

National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)

The Clerk to SACRE reported that nominations for these positions were being sought.

Resolved:

- 1. to approve the nominations of Fiazan Mohammed and Aqib Ayaz**
- 2. to note that nominations for vacancies were being sought from members of SACRE.**

17/23 Appointment of the Chairs of Groups A and B

Resolved to appoint Eve Sacker as Chair of Group A.

Resolved to appoint Viv Lawrence as Chair of Group B.

18/23 Windrush Presentation

George Grignon provided SACRE members with a presentation on how the Windrush generation and members of the Afro-Caribbean community had settled in Derby. This presentation covered stigma and challenges faced by those who had come to Derby to help Britain to recover following the second world war. The SACRE noted the important role that Thomas Dowse had played in helping members of the Afro-Caribbean community to find housing when they arrived in Derby.

The SACRE noted the contributions of other members of the Windrush generation including Charles Sheridan Hill who had set up the Derby West Indian Association and was also the first black magistrate in Derby.

Members of SACRE asked whether this presentation had been taken into schools in Derby. It was noted that George Grignon aimed to present this in Derby's schools and was working with Embark. The Director of Learning Inclusion and Skills informed the SACRE that they would investigate how this presentation could be given in schools in Derby. The Baptist Church representative also agreed to raise this with the Derby Teaching Schools Alliance.

The representatives of Group D informed SACRE that they would discuss with the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills whether a letter should be sent to government promoting a more diverse history curriculum in schools.

SACRE resolved:

- 1. to thank George Grignon and to endorse this presentation.**
- 2. To recommend that this presentation was given at all schools in Derby.**

19/23 SACRE Self Evaluation and NASACRE discussion

The Director of Learning Inclusion and Skills informed the SACRE that an exhibition on Derby's history would be taking place at the Museum of Making from April-May 2024. It was noted that an item on this may be brought to a future SACRE meeting. The Director of Learning Inclusion and Skills informed SACRE that the Museum of Making had recovered from flooding and that it was possible that this building could host the next SACRE meeting. The Clerk agreed to look into this.

It was noted that Derby SACRE was in the process of signing up to NASACRE. It was agreed that the SACRE Working Group would explore NASACRE's resources in time for SACRE's next meeting.

Resolved that the Clerk would explore whether the next meeting could take place at the Museum of Making.

20/23 Agreed Syllabus and schools questionnaire

It was agreed that a questionnaire would be sent to schools on the agreed syllabus. This would include what they thought were the pros and cons of the current agreed syllabus and what they'd like to see on the next one.

It was agreed that a representative from Group B would share a link to the questionnaire and that the Director of Learning Inclusion and Skills would share this link on the Schools Information Portal.

Resolved to note the update.

21/23 SACRE Development Plan 2024-26

It was agreed that the SACRE Working Group would develop a draft development plan before the next SACRE meeting.

It was agreed that Aqib Ayaz would be added to the SACRE Working Group.

Resolved to note the update.

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