

To: Members of the Standing Advisory  
Council for Religious Education  
(SACRE)

Date: 24 January 2022

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Dear Sir / Madam

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)** to be held at **10.00 am** on **TUESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2022 BY VIDEO CONFERENCE.**

Yours sincerely

G Williams  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

## **AGENDA**

### **SILENT REFLECTION**

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

#### **2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting.

#### **3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR**

Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

#### **4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Pages 7 - 10)**

To receive and approve the minutes of the Denbighshire SACRE meeting held on 20 October 2021 (copy enclosed).

## **5 CURRICULUM FOR WALES** (Pages 11 - 12)

To receive a presentation regarding the Religion, Values and Ethics Guidance and to discuss the possibility of using the guidance as an Agreed Syllabus. [The guidance can be accessed from the following [link](#) (see report item 5 attached) together with the [Legislative Summary](#).]

## **6 SUPPORTING THE LOCAL AUTHORITY IN ADOPTING AN AGREED SYLLABUS** (Pages 13 - 14)

To consider support provided to the local authority in adopting an Agreed Syllabus for Religion, Values and Ethics and recommendation to advise the local authority to convene an Agreed Syllabus Conference.

## **7 WASACRE** (Pages 15 - 16)

(a) To receive the minutes of the last meeting of the Association on 23 November 2021, and

(b) To agree attendance at the next WASACRE – date to be confirmed.

## **8 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- 23 June 2022
- 19 October 2022

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Councillors Representing Denbighshire County Council**

Ellie Chard  
Tony Flynn  
Emrys Wynne

Rachel Flynn  
Cheryl Williams  
Meirick Davies

### **Representing Religious Denominations**

Mr. Dominic Oakes  
Rev. B H Jones  
Rev. Martin Evans-Jones

Jennie Downes  
Collette Owen

### **Representing Teacher Associations**

Mrs C Harmsworth  
Ms. Ali Ballantyne  
Leah Crimes

Sarah Griffiths  
Katie Mason

### **Co-opted Members**

Ms. Tania Ap Siôn

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

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### Code of Conduct for Members

### DISCLOSURE AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS

I, *(name)*

a \*member/co-opted member of  
*(\*please delete as appropriate)*

**Denbighshire County Council**

**CONFIRM** that I have declared a \***personal / personal and prejudicial** interest not previously declared in accordance with the provisions of Part III of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members, in respect of the following:-

*(\*please delete as appropriate)*

Date of Disclosure:

Committee *(please specify)*:

Agenda Item No.

Subject Matter:

Nature of Interest:

*(See the note below)\**

Signed

Date

\*Note: Please provide sufficient detail e.g. 'I am the owner of land adjacent to the application for planning permission made by Mr Jones', or 'My husband / wife is an employee of the company which has made an application for financial assistance'.

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## **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)**

Minutes of a meeting of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) held in via VIDEO CONFERENCE on Wednesday, 20 October 2021 at 10.00 am.

### **PRESENT**

#### **Representing Denbighshire County Council**

Councillors Ellie Chard, Tony Flynn, Emrys Wynne and Cheryl Williams

#### **Representing Religious Denominations**

Mr. Dominic Oakes, Jennie Downes and Collette Owen

#### **Representing Teacher Associations**

Ms. Ali Ballantyne, Sarah Griffiths and Katie Mason

### **ALSO PRESENT**

RE Adviser (PL), and Committee Administrator (SLW)

Libby Jones, Wrexham County Borough Council

### **POINT OF NOTICE**

Due to the current restrictions on travel and requirement for social distancing as a result of the coronavirus pandemic the meeting was held remotely by video conference and was not open to the general public.

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Rev. Brian Huw Jones, Mrs Cate Harmsworth, Leah Crimes and Councillors Rachel Flynn, and Meirick Lloyd Davies

#### **2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

#### **3 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Councillor Emrys Wynne nominated Councillor Ellie Chard to continue as Chair. All Committee members present agreed unanimously.

***RESOLVED** that Councillor Ellie Chard continue as Chair of SACRE*

#### **4 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

Councillor Emrys Wynne nominated Jennie Downes to be Vice Chair. All Committee members present agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED** that Jennie Downes be Vice Chair of SACRE

## **5 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR**

None.

## **6 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) meeting held on 24 June 2021 (previously circulated) were submitted.

The RE Advisor requested if any Committee Members had any community members of variety of faiths who wished to be presented at a future meeting, to confirm details with him.

Dominic Oakes clarified that in the future minutes, faith should be noted as faith and belief.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the SACRE meeting held on 24 June 2021 be received and approved as a correct record.

## **7 AGORED CYMRU LEVEL 2 AWARD IN EXPLORING WORLD VIEWS**

Libby Jones gave a presentation regarding the new qualification which would meet the agreed syllabus expectations at KS4. The presentation was to be circulated to Committee members following the meeting.

The qualification was for 14-16 year olds who had not opted for GCSE religious studies. It was accessible for learners of all abilities. The qualification was in line with the current agreed syllabus.

The worldviews approach would be more inclusive for all learners.

It was confirmed that Level 1 of the qualification would be good for special schools and learners with additional needs. It had been developed with additional learning needs in mind.

The aim was not just to learn about God but to learn about religious values and ethics. This was to be a more inclusive way of working with learners.

During discussion members of the Committee confirmed their approval and support to the qualification. All present thanked Libby Jones for her presentation.

**RESOLVED** that Members of SACRE confirmed their approval and support to the qualification.

## **8 HUMANIST REPRESENTATION ON SACRE**



Unfortunately, Kathy Riddick, Wales Humanists Co-ordinator on Humanism in Wales, was unable to attend due to illness.

## **9 SACRE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021**

The RE Advisor presented the draft Annual Report for Denbighshire SACRE 2021/2022 (previously circulated) for approval which provided details of SACRE's activities during the previous academic year including advice given to the local education authority together with other local and national matters.

The RE Advisor reminded members that the Annual Report was a historic document and he sought approval of the report, subject to an amendment of errors. He provided a summary of the report and drew particular attention to the following:

- It was confirmed that in minutes for the future, when mentioned "faith" it should be "faith and belief" and "religion" should be "religion and philosophical convictions"
- Denbighshire SACRE adopted the 'National Exemplar Framework for Religious Education for 3-19 year olds' as the Locally Agreed Syllabus for Denbighshire in 2008. The framework continued to be the basis of the Agreed Syllabus in Denbighshire. The Agreed Syllabus would be reviewed once the guidance for Religion Values and Ethics was published.
- SACRE's main function was '...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.' Education Reform Act 1988 s.11 (1) (a)
- Estyn ceased standard inspections from Sept 2020-21 to allow schools time to prepare for the new curriculum beginning September 2022. Also, due to the pandemic, Estyn did not undertake inspections from March 2020.
- SACRE members met three times during the academic year. All meetings were held electronically due to the pandemic.
- Denbighshire published its first SACRE newsletter in collaboration with Conwy, which provided schools with news related to RE/RVE and was especially important during the preparation for the new curriculum.
- Members of SACRE and the LA were represented at three meetings of WASACRE and received some of the presentations that had been made. SACRE continued to receive reports from representatives attending the meetings of the Association. Minutes and papers from WASACRE had also been presented at SACRE meetings.

Members were content to receive the report as a true record of SACRE's work.

### ***RESOLVED that –***

- *The Annual Report of Denbighshire SACRE for 2020/2021 be approved as an accurate account of SACRE's work, and*
- *The Local Authority be requested to arrange for the report to be translated into Welsh and made available to all schools and colleges in Denbighshire and other recipients as required by law as identified in the report.*

**10 WASACRE**

The RE Advisor, Phil Lord, presented the WASACRE minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2021 (previously circulated).

**RESOLVED** that SACRE members receive the minutes of the WASACRE meeting 16 June 2021

**11 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The date of the next meetings will be:

1 February 2022

23 June 2022

19 October 2022

**The meeting concluded at 11.20 a.m.**

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| <p>Denbighshire County Council<br/>Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education<br/>(SACRE)</p>  |   |                               |
| Date of Meeting:  |   | 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022 |
| Agenda Item:  | 5 | CURRICULUM FOR WALES          |
| <p><u><i>Background to the Report:</i></u></p>  |   |                               |
| <p>The Religion Values and Ethics guidance has been published and is available from the following <a href="#">link</a> (See section 5). Also see <a href="#">Legislative Summary</a>.</p> |   |                               |
| <p><u><i>Purpose of the Report:</i></u></p>   |   |                               |
| <p>To receive a presentation regarding the Religion, Values and Ethics Guidance.</p> <p>To discuss the possibility of the LA agreeing to accept the guidance as an Agreed Syllabus.</p>   |   |                               |
| <p><u><i>Recommendations:</i></u></p>   |   |                               |
| <p>To receive the presentation.</p>   |   |                               |

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| Date of Meeting:   |          | 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022                           |
| Agenda Item:   | <b>6</b> | SUPPORTING THE LA IN<br>ADOPTING THE AGREED<br>SYLLABUS |
| <u><i>Background to the Report:</i></u>  |          |   |
| <p>Denbighshire Local Authority is required to adopt an Agreed Syllabus. Welsh Government has created the Religion, Values and Ethics guidance so that LAs can adopt it as an Agreed Syllabus.</p> |          |   |
| <u><i>Purpose of the Report:</i></u>   |          |   |
| <p>To provide support the LA in adopting an Agreed Syllabus for Religion, Values and Ethics.</p>   |          |   |
| <u><i>Recommendations:</i></u>   |          |   |
| <p>To advise the LA to convene an Agreed Syllabus Conference.</p>  |          |   |

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| Date of Meeting:  |          | 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022 |
| Agenda Item:  | <b>7</b> | WASACRE                       |
| <p><u><i>Background to the Report:</i></u></p> <p>SACRE continues to be a member of the Wales Association of SACREs, and receives reports on meetings from members attending, copies of minutes of meetings and any other reports from the Association.</p> |          |                               |
| <p><u><i>Purpose of the Report:</i></u></p> <p>For members to be informed as to the focus and main outcomes of the previous meeting.</p>  |          |                               |
| <p><u><i>Recommendations:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To receive the minutes of the last meeting of the Association on 23rd November 2021.</li> <li>• To agree attendance to the next WASACRE - Date TBC.</li> </ul>               |          |                               |

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