

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
18th November 2009
Report of the Corporate Director (Children and Lifelong Learning)
A review of the membership of the SACRE

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To enable members of SACRE to review its membership following the decision taken in 2008 that this would be an agenda item at the autumn term meeting each year.

2 Summary

2.1 The Terms of Reference for the Staffordshire SACRE were reviewed during the academic year 2007-2008. The relevant sections of the document are attached to this paper

2.2 Also attached to the paper is a table indicating the length of service of each member and the last meeting attended.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That the membership of the SACRE be reviewed taking account of the fact that membership would normally be for a period of five years

3.2 That members consider whether there are instances where Section 4.9 (h) of the Terms of Reference is applicable

4 Background

4.1 During the academic year 2007-2008 members took time to review the Terms of Reference which had been in existence since 1989.

4.2 At the summer term meeting 2008 the representative nature of the SACRE was discussed and it was decided that the allocation of places to faith groups and organisations continued to be relevant. There are currently vacancies for the following representatives:
Catholic (1), Sikh (1), Hindu (1), ASCL (1), NAHT (1).

4.3 The Terms of Reference include a requirement to review the membership of the SACRE at the autumn term meeting of each academic year on receipt of the Annual Report.

4.4 Members are invited to consider the information presented with this paper to:

- review the membership of those who have served for more than five years
- consider whether there are instances where Section 4.9 (h) of the Terms of Reference is applicable.

5 Equal Opportunities

5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

6 Financial implications

6.1 There are no financial implications.

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An extract from the Terms of Reference for the Staffordshire SACRE

1. MEMBERSHIP.

Representative Members

- 1.1. In line with the relevant legislation, the SACRE will include members appointed by the LA from the following four representative groups:
 - (a) such Christian and other religious denominations not including the Church of England, as in the opinion of the LA, broadly reflect the proportion of those denominations or religions represented in the area;
 - (b) the Church of England;
 - (c) associations representing teachers, as in the opinion of the LA, ought to be represented, having regard to the circumstances of the area; and
 - (d) the LA.
- 1.2. Appendix 1 lists the current Members and the denominations or groups that they represent.

Co-Opted Members

- 4.3 The SACRE may include co-opted members, who are persons appointed by its own members and identified in Appendix 1.
- 4.4 The relevant appointing body must notify the SACRE Clerk in writing of any representative and co-opted member appointments, prior to the new Member's first meeting.

Vacancies.

- 4.5 In the event of a vacancy on the SACRE the Clerk shall:
 - (a) advise the relevant appointing body of the vacancy;
 - (b) where appropriate, refer any nomination to the LA; and
 - (c) where such nominations are agreed, record the person as a member of SACRE.
- 4.6 In the absence of nominees from a representative group, the LA may nominate and appoint any person that it considers to be representative of that group and it deems appropriate, to fill the vacancy.

Term of Office

- 4.7 Appointments to SACRE shall generally be for a term of five years from the date that the new Member should have attended their first meeting.
- 4.8 The SACRE shall review the membership annually at the autumn term meeting on receipt of the Annual Report.

End of Membership

- 4.9 A Member shall be removed from the SACRE if:
 - (d) they reach the end of their term of office;
 - (e) they write to the SACRE or the Clerk and tender their resignation;
 - (f) they were appointed by virtue of being representative of the religion, denomination or associations which they were appointed to represent, but in the opinion of the LA, they cease to be such a representative, or to be representative of the authority;
 - (g) the other members of their representative group notify the LA that the Member should no longer act as one of its representative on the SACRE, and the LA agrees to their removal;
 - (h) the LA determine, on reasonable grounds, that the Member is unable, unwilling or an unsuitable person to continue these duties.

	Committee	Year of commencement of service	Last attendance
Mrs. L. Godden (Baptist) ##	A	1990	May 2009
Mr. G. Devadason (Hindu) #	A	2003	Feb 2008
Mr. S. Morris (Jewish) ##	A	1993	Feb 2009
Mrs. H. Haroon-Iqbal (Muslim)	A	2005	June 2008
Mr. W. Walley (Religious Society of Friends) #	A	2002	May 2009
Mrs. E.M. O'Brien (Roman Catholic)	A	2005	Feb 2009
Mrs K. Knobbs (Methodist)	A	2009	May 2009
Mr R. Bajaj (Sikh)	A	2007	May 2009
Lieutenant C. Chadwick (Salvation Army)	A	2007	May 2009
Mrs. S.J. Phillips (Methodist)	A	2008	May 2009
Ven. Dr. Phramaha Laow Payasiri (Buddhist)	A	2009	Feb 2009
Mr. M. Parekh (Muslim)	A	2008	Feb 2009
Mrs. S. Blackmore	B	2009	Feb 2009
Mr C. Hopkins	B	2006	May 2009
Rev. Preb. M.R. Metcalf ##	B	1996	May 2009
Mrs. M. Gale ##	B	1997	May 2009
Mrs R. Woodward	B	2007	Feb 2009
Mrs C.M. Brandrick (ATL)	C	2008	May 2009
Mr. D. Lyons (NUT) ##	C	1996	May 2009
Ms D. Kirkham (NASUWT) *	C	2009	
Mrs. V.M. Downes	D	2005	Feb 2009
Mr. T.V. Finn #	D	2000	May 2009
Mr. P.R. Davies	D	2005	May 2009
Mr. I. Jennings *	D	2009	
Ms E. Staples *	D	2009	
Mrs. P. Budd (Co-opted) #		2002	May 2009
Mr T. Durairatnam (Co-opted)		2007	May 2009

The membership of all members with over 5 year's service in the academic year 2008-2009 was reviewed in November 2008 with the appropriate representative bodies.

There are no members whose membership falls due for a 5 year review during this academic year

Members with over 5 years of service

Members with over 10 years of service

***** New members for autumn 2009