

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

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate Street, ROTHERHAM. S60 2TH**      **Date: Tuesday, 30th January, 2018**  
**Time: 4.00 p.m.**

**A G E N D A**

1. Election of Chair for the 2017/18 School Year
2. Apologies for absence
3. Election of Vice-Chair for the 2017/18 School Year
4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th October, 2017 (Pages 1 - 4)
5. Matters arising from previous minutes.
6. Rotherham SACRE - Future Resources (Funding and Staffing) (Pages 5 - 6)
7. South Yorkshire Religious Education Conference - 14th March 2018, at the Hub, Canklow
8. REwards Ceremony, Summer 2018
9. Religious Education - GCSE, AS Level and A Level Examination Results in Rotherham Schools 2017 (Page 7)
10. Rotherham SACRE Annual Report 2015/2016
11. Rotherham SACRE Development Plan 2017/18 (Pages 8 - 10)
12. Any Other Business
13. Date and time of next meeting - June 2018

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(SACRE) - 24/10/17**

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(SACRE)  
TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 2017**

**Present:-**

**Group A – other Christian denominations and faiths**

Mrs. N. Goodwin (Pentecostal), Mr. D. Homer (Buddhist), Mr. C. Wells (Methodist Church), Mr. A. Griffin (Humanist), Mrs. M. Shah (Muslim), Mrs. G. Raha (Hindu) and Mrs. T. Williams (Baha'i).

**Group B – the Church of England**

Mrs. H. Lambert (Diocese of Sheffield).

**Group C – Teachers' Professional Associations**

No-one present.

**Group D – the Local Authority**

The Mayor (Councillor E. R. Keenan).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Watson and from Mrs. Z. Ahmed, Mrs. V. Gregory, Mrs. R. Turnbull and Mr. R. Dyson.

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE 2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Rotherham SACRE discussed the appointment of the Chair and the Vice-Chair for 2017/2018 and encouraged volunteers to express interest in these positions both for the current and future academic years. In the meantime, it was agreed that Mrs. N. Goodwin be appointed Chair of this meeting.

(Mrs. N. Goodwin in the Chair)

**2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR**

Consideration of this item was deferred until the next meeting.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21ST MARCH 2017**

Agreed:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chair.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The following items were noted:-

(a) (Minute No. 24) Community Cohesion – the Borough Council had now published its strategy entitled “Building Stronger Communities”;

(b) (Minute No. 30(2)) REwards Ceremony 2017 – the ceremony scheduled to take place on Monday, 19th June, 2017, had been cancelled.

**5. ROTHERHAM SACRE - FUTURE RESOURCES (FUNDING AND STAFFING)**

The Rotherham SACRE members undertook a lengthy debate about the future of the SACRE and the resources available, including both funding and staffing.

Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Williams explained that they were seeking a meeting with senior management within the Borough Council’s Children and Young People’s Services (Education Services) in order to try and reach agreement with the Local Authority about the future support for SACRE and its termly meetings, including an appointment to and funding of the role of Lead Officer to support SACRE. It was noted that the previous support officer arrangement (ie: Mrs. V. Gregory undertaking the role on the basis of a limited number of hours per week) had ended in April 2017.

It was hoped that this meeting would be taking place in the very near future.

The Rotherham SACRE agreed that various other issues should be discussed at the forthcoming meeting, including :

- Religious Education – curriculum support in schools;
- Collective Worship (and publication of guidance);
- SACRE Annual Reports;
- SACRE Development Plan;
- South Yorkshire Religious Education Conference – March 2018;
- REwards – annual ceremony;
- Membership of and availability of support and advice from NASACRE (payment of subscription);
- Summary reporting of the GCSE, AS and ‘A’ Level examination results for Religious Education;
- Improved contact with Religious Education teachers in schools and academies;
- Ways of encouraging volunteers of all faiths to join the SACRE;
- Making use of other sources of support (eg: the Diocese);
- Possible joint arrangements with the SACRE of other local authorities.

The Rotherham SACRE members acknowledged the importance of this forthcoming meeting and the requirement for the Local Authority to fulfill its duty in accordance with Government Department for Education

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Circular 1/94 (Religious Education and Collective Worship – paragraph 89).

**6. ROTHERHAM SACRE - CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP**

The Rotherham SACRE noted the contents of a factsheet produced as part of the key statistics from the Census in Rotherham (2011) which related to the main religions in Rotherham.

Further discussion took place on the Constitution and membership of the SACRE and it was agreed that every effort be made to encourage representation from various faiths including Church of England, Muslim, Sikh, Black Pentecostal, Jewish, Salvation Army and Jehovah's Witness.

**7. SOUTH YORKSHIRE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCE - MARCH 2018, AT THE HUB, CANKLOW**

The Rotherham SACRE meeting heard that the South Yorkshire Religious Education Conference 2018 was due to take place on a date to be arranged in March, 2018 at the Hub, 103 Canklow Road, Rotherham. The resources required and the need to arrange and prepare for this Conference were to be the subject of imminent discussions with the Local Authority.

**8. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GCSE AND A LEVEL - EXAMINATION RESULTS IN ROTHERHAM SCHOOLS, 2017**

It was noted that the information concerning the examination results was not yet available from Schools. Consideration of this item was therefore deferred until the next meeting.

**9. ROTHERHAM SACRE ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016**

Consideration of this item was deferred until the next meeting. In the meantime, the resources required for the preparation of the Annual Report were to be the subject of imminent discussions with the Local Authority.

**10. ROTHERHAM SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017/18**

Further to Minute No. 28 of the meeting of the Rotherham SACRE held on 21st March, 2017, discussion took place on the draft Rotherham SACRE development plan for 2016/17.

It was agreed that the working group being established to consider the detail of the development plan and report to a future meeting of the Rotherham SACRE, shall comprise Mrs. Z. Ahmed, Mrs. H. Lambert, Mrs. M. Shah, Mrs. R. Turnbull, Mrs. T. Williams, Mr. A. Griffin and Mr. D. Homer.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion took place on the existence of a Facebook (social media) page/group known as "Save Religious Education". In the context of the earlier discussions at this meeting about resources for SACRE, a member of the Rotherham SACRE agreed to make general enquiries, via this Facebook page/group, about the resources and support available both for the SACRE organisation and for the delivery of the Religious Education curriculum in schools and academies around the country.

**12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Agreed:- That the next meeting of the Rotherham SACRE be held at the Town Hall, Rotherham on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, commencing at 4.00 p.m.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Notes from Meeting with RE Curriculum Consultant**

**Venue: Wingfield Academy**

**Present: Chair of SACRE and RE Curriculum Consultant**

**Purpose of Meeting:**

- **To confirm with RECC that she would still be willing to be the Curriculum Consultant if a way forward could be agreed between all involved parties**
- **To discuss the budget £5,000 that the LA have allocated to SACRE and consider how best to use this finance going forward.**

RECC confirmed she would still be willing to fulfil the role of Curriculum Consultant (CC) if a way forward could be agreed between all parties.

We agreed that the following was the minimum that could be done to fulfil both the legal requirement and ensure that SACRE was still successful in its support of RE within Rotherham Schools:

- Meetings – we are required to meet a minimum of three time per academic year. The Curriculum Consultant needs to be at these meetings. Currently these are held outside of school day so this needs to be considered when agreeing hours for CC
- Pre-meeting discussion to prepare for meeting/set agenda between Curriculum Consultant/Chair/sometimes Vice Chair -this would require time to be allocated.
- Post Meeting discussion to follow through on actions between Curriculum Consultant/Chair/sometimes Vice Chair – this would require time to be allocated. This could be tied in with the SACRE development plan.
- Annual Report – a legal requirement written by Curriculum Consultant with support from chair.
- REwards Ceremony – one way of monitoring good RE is delivered.
- Annual RE Conference – South Yorkshire Hub offering training to RE to ensure quality RE is delivered.
- Website – needs to be kept up to date and enquires responded to. Currently RECC and Chair are named on the website as contacts. Schools need to be informed as to what is happening.
- Ever fifth year extra time/funding would need to be allocated for the implementation and work involved in putting together the RE Syllabus and training of teaching staff.
- Collective Worship guidelines.
- Alongside the above tasks time needs to be allocated for determinations. This task is usually carried out by the Curriculum consultant with support from two SACRE members to conduct visits. Schools this applies to are due for renewal 2019, but schools in the meantime could apply for one, or apply for renewal sooner. The CC doesn't necessarily have to be directly involved in this task.

**Proposal:**

There are 36 weeks (approximately) in the school year. Subject to School's agreement we would like to suggest that RECC be allocated 2 hours less per week on her timetable so that she can focus on her role as the Curriculum Consultant.

This would work out at 72 hrs per academic year

72 divided by 8 (8 hrs in a working day) = 9 days x £350= £3,150

Leaving the remaining budget for REwards Ceremony, funding the Annual Conference including Curriculum Consultant being in attendance.

If not before, we would certainly want RECC back in role by July 2018, when School commences the new school year.

Once the way forward is agreed we would like to suggest that a written contract / agreement is drawn up between the LA, School and RECC with a date included for an annual review.

**Next Steps:**

A meeting to be set up asap with all parties involved including RECC to finalise way forward and action.

**ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL****ROTHERHAM STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**

Tuesday 30 January 2018

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – EXAMINATION RESULTS 2017****(A) Key Stage 4 GCSE - 2017**

## Religious Studies Exam Full Course

1,106 pupils entered out of a cohort of 3,029 –

A\*-C 72.3%

A\*-G 99.4%

## Religious Studies Short Course

24 pupils entered –

A\*-C 0%

A\*-G 83.3%

**(B) Key Stage 5 - 2017**

## GCE A Level

59 entries –

A\*-A 6.8%

A\*-B 28.8%

A\*-E 94.9%

## GCE AS Level

26 entries –

A-B 57.7%

A\*-E 96.2%



Rotherham Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education – Development Plan 2016

<b>Objective</b> (bold text = main objective, plain text = sub-objectives)	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Costing</b>	<b>Success</b>	<b>Completed /On-going/ RAG status</b>
<b>To monitor RE provision across primary and secondary phases</b>	Invite one primary and one secondary representative to attend each SACRE meeting.	<b>VGR/Chair</b>	Curriculum Consultant Time	Minutes of SACRE meetings will show that either/or primary or secondary colleagues regularly attend and share good practise with SACRE members.	Ongoing
	Analyse GCSE and A Level results each year.	<b>Curriculum Consultant</b>	Curriculum Consultant Time	Liasion with Karen Hopkins.	R (Results have not been made available due to a blip in the system this year)
	Engagement with Academy Schools and HE providers.	<b>SACRE members</b>	N/A	SACRE are aware of what academies and HE providers are providing in terms of RE provision.	Ongoing
<b>Organisation of training sessions and conferences – provision of CPD activities</b>	To run an annual student and South Yorkshire RE Hub Conference for teachers across South Yorkshire to generate income for the LA.	<b>VGR</b>	Cost of venues, key notes speakers, photocopying of resources and buffet lunch for delegates. Courses chargeable to	Evaluations from delegates show that feedback is positive and they feel well supported and confident in delivering RE, even as non-specialists.	Ongoing/ Twice Yearly

			delegates where they have not invested in LA resources.		
<b>The development of SACRE's role and work: -</b>					
To produce an annual report of the work of the RSACRE for submission to NASACRE	Draft report to be written on February 16 <sup>th</sup> and e mailed to all SACRE members for approval along with minutes.	<b>SACRE Chair/ Curriculum Consultant/ SACRE Clerk</b>	Curriculum Consultant Time. Clerk Support.	<b>Both 2013/14 and 2015/16 annual reports to be sent to NASACRE.</b>	<b>Annually</b>
To develop the website	Website up and running for use.	<b>VGR</b>	Ongoing	<b>Enquiries will be made through the website. User friendly website for Rotherham to share resources. This will eventually support with the implementation of the new Agreed Syllabus.</b>	<b>R (in it's early stages. Progress slow as it is not a priority for this year)</b>
<b>The development and publication of the Local Agreed Syllabus</b>	A number of schools and all SACRE members to be consulted on draft Agreed Syllabus via e mail.	<b>VGR/Lat Blaylock</b>	Curriculum Consultant/National Advisor time.	<b>Functional Agreed syllabus launched in September/October 2016</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
	Production of Agreed Syllabus	<b>VGR</b>	Cost of printing/producing copies for schools to follow.	<b>All schools receive a hard copy of the new Local Agreed Syllabus at the launch.</b>	<b>July/August (Production)</b>
	Arrange an Agreed Syllabus Conference – July	<b>VGR/SACRE members</b>	Cost of meeting room/Refreshments/Curriculum Consultant Time	<b>Agreed Syllabus finalised and agreed.</b>	<b>July</b>
	Arrange an Agreed Syllabus	<b>VGR/Lat</b>	Cost of	<b>Successful Launch well</b>	<b>September</b>

	launch – September	<b>Blaylock</b>	venue/Curriculum Consultant Time/ Cost of buffet/Entertainment/Guest Speaker	attended.	<b>/October</b>
	Ongoing training and support to ensure new Agreed Syllabus implemented/embedded.	<b>VGR/Lat Blaylock</b>	Cost of venues/photocopying of resources, key note speaker and buffet for delegates. Courses chargeable to delegates where they have not invested in LA resources.	Schools increase their confidence in embedding the Agreed Syllabus.	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>REwards ceremony</b>	<b>Good practise in RE is highlighted/celebrated.</b>	<b>VGR</b>	Venue, Buffet, Trophies, Certificates	<b>REwards ceremony continues to grow.</b>	<b>Annual</b>