

**ROTHERHAM STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
(SACRE) VIRTUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2020**

**Present:-** H. Lambert (Chair), Cllr. E. Keenan, T. Griffin, V. Gregory, D.Homer, and T. Williams.

Also in attendance were Lat Blaylock, Fiona Radford and Nathan Heath

**70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Alam and Watson, Alison Benbow and Charlie Wells.

**71. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes from the last two previous meetings could not be approved as the meeting did not have a quorum in attendance.

**72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest by members of the Advisory Council.

**73. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

There were no matters of business for which it was deemed necessary to exclude members of the public or press.

**74. RENEWAL OF THE AGREED SYLLABUS**

As the meeting was not quorate, no recommendations could be agreed in respect of the upcoming deadline to renew the Agreed Syllabus for Religious education. A presentation and advice was invited from a representative of National R.E. which was delivered and considered by those in attendance. Following discussion, the intention was made to raise at a future quorate meeting the benefits of revising the 2016 syllabus with updates on specific topics including but not limited to human rights and non-religious worldviews. It was observed that the option to revise the previous syllabus would involve the appropriation of about £5,000. It was noted that due to time constraints and the upcoming expiry of the current syllabus in 2021, members of the Advisory Council might undertake efforts outside the meeting to arrange the allocation of funding that was understood to be necessary, and to take further advice around the necessary revisions that a future quorate meeting might later consider.

**75. URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no matters which in the opinion of the Chair required urgent consideration.

**76. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next virtual meeting of the Rotherham Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education was scheduled for 16 February 2021, commencing at 4.00 pm.