

Minutes of the meeting of Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) held in Conference Room 2 - Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane Offices, Hereford, HR4 0LE on Friday 5 July 2024 at 2.00 pm

Board members present in person, voting:

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| Mrs Carolyn Ault | Bahai faith |
| Peter Fawcett | Roman Catholic, Archdiocese of Cardiff |
| Mark Harrington | Church of England representative |
| Samira Kairo | Muslim faith |
| Jonathan Nicholas | Church of England representative |
| Councillor Rob Owens | Herefordshire Council |
| Ruth Stanier | The Quaker Faith |
| Geoff Sallis (Chairperson) | Humanism |
| Barry Stevens | Church of England representative |
| Councillor John Stone | Herefordshire Council |

Others present in person:

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| Pamela Howell | School Improvement Advisor | Children and Young People |
| Stephen Pett | RE Today, Consultant to SACRE | |

98. WELCOME AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Chair welcomed members and gave the thought for the day.

99. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Lou Barker, Tracy Westlake, and Cllr Justine Peberdy.

100. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

There were no named substitutes.

101. MINUTES

The Board unanimously approved the minutes for the meeting held on 15 March 2024.

102. RESPONSE TO WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

No public questions were received.

103. AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

Stephen Pett presented an overview of the updates and amendments being made to the agreed syllabus. Some of the key points made were:

1. The bulk of the syllabus is the same with some tweaks to language including, for example, a change from 'religion and belief' to 'religion and worldviews' in line with CoRE and REC Handbook 2024.
2. Making non-religious worldviews, specifically Humanism, more visible.
3. Taking advantage of opportunities to provide more examples of religions from around the world.
4. Scope for SACRE to provide more examples of local places of worship and celebrations in Herefordshire and the West Midlands.

Midge Ault asked how the Bahai faith would fit in with the syllabus.

Stephen Pett responded that there is scope in the thematic units in the syllabus where other worldviews can be referred to in addition to the minimum requirements that reflect the local area.

It was noted that the document would be sent out to board members allowing for any further changes to be requested before the next SACRE meeting by the end of September.

Stephen Pett added that it is important that a launch conference is in place, particularly to reach out to as many schools as possible to have some training and think about applying the revised syllabus in the best way possible.

The Chair agreed that it is important to get as many people to attend the launch conference as possible to pinpoint some of these changes and the expectations that exist alongside the revised syllabus.

Peter Fawcett asked why the term 'worldviews' is used alongside religions.

Stephen Pett noted that the use of 'worldviews' helps to encompass issues that are broader than religions and cover non-religious beliefs such as Humanism.

The meeting ended at 3.00 pm

Chairperson