

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Bath and North East Somerset Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

**Wednesday 11th February 2026 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
Online**

## **Attendance:**

### **Committee A: Christian Denominations and other Religions**

| <b>Name</b>                         | <b>Community</b>    | <b>Attendance</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Jane O'Hara (Chair)                 | Baha'i Community    | P                 |
| vacancy                             | Buddhist Community  |                   |
| Julie Justin                        | Catholic Community  | A                 |
| vacancy                             | Methodist           |                   |
| vacancy                             | Free Churches Group |                   |
| Ashish Rajhansha                    | Hindu Community     | -                 |
| Dr Yukteshwar Kumar<br>(Vice-Chair) | Hindu Community     | P                 |
| Julia Beckett                       | Humanist Community  | P                 |
| Imam Mohammed Gamal                 | Islamic Community   | -                 |
| Iris Segall                         | Jewish Community    | P (arrived 16:15) |
| Sheikh Rashad Azami                 | Muslim Community    | -                 |
| vacancy                             | Sikh Community      |                   |

### **Committee B: Church of England**

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Community</b>          | <b>Attendance</b> |
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| Patrick Haviland | St Mark's Church School   | P (arrived 17:10) |
| Louise Jenkins   | Diocese of Bath and Wells | P (arrived 16:10) |
| Paul Marvin      | Diocese of Bath and Wells | P (arrived 16:10) |

### **Committee C: Teachers' Associations**

| <b>Name</b>                | <b>Community</b>                               | <b>Attendance</b> |
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| Kevin Burnett (Vice-Chair) | National Association of<br>Headteachers (NAHT) | P                 |
| vacancy                    |                                                |                   |
| Mary Patterson             | Learn Teach Lead RE<br>(LTLRE)                 | A                 |

### **Committee D: Local Authority**

| <b>Name</b>          | <b>Community</b>                   | <b>Attendance</b> |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Olwyn Donnelly       | Head of Education<br>Commissioning | A                 |
| Cllr Eleanor Jackson | Councillor                         | P                 |
| Cllr Ruth Malloy     | Councillor                         | P                 |

## In attendance

| Name        | Community     | Attendance |
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| Rebekah Guy | Clerk/Adviser | P          |

P: Present;

A: Apologies for absence submitted

| Item | Notes and resolutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Action |
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| 1.1  | <p><b>Welcome to members</b></p> <p>JOH was acting as chair in this meeting, and she warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from OD, JJ.</p> <p>A few people also sent apologies that they would be late (LJ, PM, PH, MP, IS) Wednesday doesn't seem to be a good day. When planning dates for next year, avoid Wednesday. Meetings for the rest of the year are not on Wednesdays.</p>                                                                                                             |        |
| 1.2  | <p><b>Public Discussion and Members' Declarations</b></p> <p>No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest were made.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |        |
| 2    | <p><b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b></p> <p>RG circulated the minutes of the previous meeting held October 2025 [Paper 1].</p> <p>Matters Arising: <i>[arising from previous SACRE meeting]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RE Hubs - places of interest. RG is still working through this list.</li> <li>- Membership (agenda item)</li> <li>- Website (Agenda item)</li> </ul> <p>EJ proposed that the minutes were an accurate representation of the previous meeting. KB seconded.</p> | RG     |
| 3    | <b>SACRE Membership [DP – Ci]</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |
| 3.1  | <p><b>SACRE Membership: To review membership attendance, vacancies &amp; DBS certificates</b></p> <p>RG has not heard from members who have attended.</p> <p>EJ to put a muslim observer in touch.</p> <p>RG to contact AR and MG to explain that we will take them out of membership</p> <p>Free churches representation - RG to check constitution . Are methodists included within this.</p> <p>RG to contact a potential Muslim representative who works at Bath Spa following an RE conference last week.</p>                   |        |

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|      | <p>Well done and thank you to JB and IS for being part of Interfaith panel at an RE conference in Bristol last week. This was very well received by teachers and it was great to have B&amp;NES SACRE represented.</p> <p><b>Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RG to contact MG and AR regarding membership and attendance of SACRE meetings and to inform them that they will be removed from membership.</li> <li>- RG to look into current vacancies/constitution and contact people as appropriate.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | RG     |
| 3.2  | <p><b>New membership or co-opted members</b></p> <p>None present at the meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |        |
| 4    | <b>ASC Update</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |
| 4.1  | <p><b>Curriculum and Assessment Review Report</b></p> <p>RG explained that following our last SACRE meeting the Curriculum and Assessment Review Final Report had been released. It made significant recommendations about RE and therefore we need to revisit decisions made at the previous SACRE meeting regarding the ASC.</p> <p>RG provided a summary of the RE section of the report. Key things of interest to SACRE include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommendation that RE should be moved to the National Curriculum</li> <li>- A task and finish group should be formed from members of the sector</li> <li>- National Content Standard was mentioned</li> <li>- Name change to Religion and Worldviews (This is not being focused on at the moment.)</li> </ul> <p>RG explained that she thinks it is not the time to make drastic changes at the moment (until we know more) but that it is important to provide teachers with resources and support to ensure that they are able to provide high-quality RE for pupils.</p> <p>Therefore, RG spoke to teachers at the most recent LTLRE hub meeting to gain their opinions on what would be most helpful for them at the moment. The overwhelming majority asked for examples of case studies from the locality (either as part of full lesson/units or stand alone) and for the Oak National Academy Materials to be mapped to AMV (the current Agreed Syllabus).</p> |        |
| 4.2  | <p><b>Locality Examples</b></p> <p>RG showed some examples of how other SACRE have provided teachers with local lived experience. Some required much more time and money than others.</p> <p><a href="#">Lived Worldviews of Tower Hamlets</a><br/> <a href="#">Religious Education and SACRE   Support Services for Education Haringey – Awareness Mystery Value</a><br/> <a href="#">Islam   RE Connecting Lincoln</a><br/> <a href="#">Resources – Croydon SACRE</a></p> <p>SACRE members agreed that creating some local examples would be beneficial for teachers locally and could be done without spending too much time and money for now. This would be simply providing the case/studies in simple formats, such as photos with information or simple voice notes and adding these to the current AMV website under a separate tab.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |

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|      | <p>This would mean that moving forwards these could be developed further and turned into full lessons/units and ensured that they match either an Agreed Syllabus or a National Curriculum.</p> <p>Members agreed to this moving forwards and it was agreed that a separate ASC meeting, just for B&amp;NES, should be organised. JB, LJ, KB, YK, JOH, IS are all interested in being part of this group. RG will also invite teachers who have expressed an interest and other SACRE members.</p>                                                                                                |        |
| 4.3  | <p><b>Oak National Academy</b></p> <p>RG has spoken with Adam Robertson regarding mapping the Oak National Academy RE materials to AMV. This is not likely to happen until March but it should provide teachers with some free resources to support their RE whilst we are in this interim period.</p> <p>SACRE members agreed that this seemed useful and sensible moving forwards.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          | RG     |
| 5    | <b>Standards in RE and CW</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |
| 5.1  | <p><b>Summary of Ofsted reports [DP – Biii]</b></p> <p>No published Ofsted reports for this period.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |        |
| 5.2  | <p><b>Summary of SIAMs reports [DP – Biii] LJ</b></p> <p>There has been one published SIAMs report in B&amp;NES since the last SACRE meeting.</p> <p>Saltford School received a J1 and RE came out as a strength in the report.</p> <p>This year, there are three schools in B&amp;NES to be inspected: Marksbury, St John's Keynsham and Two Rivers.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |
| 5.3  | <p><b>Wire Award: update [DP – Bvi]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Combe Down C of E Primary School have been successful in achieving the WIRE award. RG has presented this.</li> <li>- RG has received enquiries from a number of schools who are interested in applying. We can expect more applications in the summer term.</li> <li>- There is still some funding towards transport costs (most schools are not applying for this though).</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RG and MP to continue to promote WIRE award</li> </ul> | RG/MP  |
| 6    | <b>Regional and local developments:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |        |
| 6.1  | <p><b>Learn, Teach, Lead RE (MP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet 3 times a year (roughly Bath area) 2 online, 1 in person.</li> <li>• The most recent session was on sharing good practice. The primary example was very inspiring. RG also attended and updated teachers on the Curriculum and Assessment Review Report as well as gaining opinions on ASC.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |

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|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting is on 9th June - trying to arrange visit to a range of churches, focus on diversity within Christianity</li> <li>• Our thanks to MP and Paul Marvin for all of their work on this, particularly for encouraging teachers in such an enthusiastic way.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |        |
| 6.2  | <p><b>Updates from the Diocese of Bath &amp; Wells (LJ)</b></p> <p>A New statement of entitlement has been released. Church schools nationally will be inspected for their RE using this. It makes things much clearer but it's not that different to the current one. This will come into effect from Sep 2026.</p> <p><a href="#">NSE+RE+Statement+of+Entitlement+for+publication+January+2026.pdf</a></p> <p>RE conference on 8th May. Stephen Pett from RE Today will be speaking. The focus will be on teaching knowledge and skills in religious and non-religious worldviews.</p> <p>Thank you to Louise and Paul for all that they do to support schools and SACRE and help join everything up.</p> |        |
| 6.3  | <p><b>Regional and local developments: Updates from Bath Interfaith Group (JOH / IFG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Holocaust memorial day event with LA, successful and moving event, over 100 registered, perhaps slightly less in attendance</li> <li>- Mayor of Bath multi faith gathering, theme was education as empowerment, over 100 people</li> <li>- Upcoming events will be circulated via RG</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |        |
| 7.1  | <p><b>Annual Report</b></p> <p>Section 5.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was noted that there are members on the Annual Report that have not been attending SACRE meetings. (Discussed in membership as well.)</li> <li>- The numbers of Councillors don't add up - RG to check and correct before sending out.</li> </ul> <p>No other comments on the rest of the report and therefore this has been approved by SACRE (with the changes mentioned above).</p> <p>The Annual Report will now go to the Scrutiny Panel and RG will send it to NASACRE and the DfE.</p>                                                                                                                    | RG     |
| 7.2  | <p><b>Finance statement and Development Plan</b></p> <p>The finance statement and development plan have been updated. This is to ensure that they match and that they are easy to understand.</p> <p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>-Add dates at the top of the finance statement and the year</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | RG     |

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| 7.3  | <b>SACRE Action Log</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This is still working well to keep track of actions and communicate between SACRE and LA.</li> <li>- Key point to note is that RG provided curriculum support at Combe Down Primary School. There is a new RE lead who is really enthusiastic and knowledgeable.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |        |
| 7.4  | <b>Website</b><br>The Agreed Syllabus domain name has been updated. This is the new address. The content on the website is still the same.<br><a href="#">Awareness Mystery Value</a><br><br><u>SACRE Website</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RG has met with someone from the LA to look into using the LA website for important documents such as minutes and then cancel the current website which is not fit for purpose. This is going well and RG has seen an initial version of this.</li> <li>- RG has been through the current website to ensure that all relevant information is transferred over accurately. The useful resources section and places of worship have been updated and sent over ready for the new page.</li> <li>- Our thanks to MP for all she has done on the website.</li> </ul> |        |
| 9    | <b>Date and Venue for Next Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Summer Term:</b> Monday 22nd June 16:00 - 18:00 at Hayesfield School - to be confirmed</li> <li>● <b>Autumn Term:</b> Thursday 22nd October 16:00 - 18:00</li> </ul><br>RG to confirm with MP that Hayesfield School is booked for the summer meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | RG, MP |
| 10   | <b>AOB</b><br>NASACRE Conference - SACRE has funding to send one person to this. It is in Liverpool this year which is quite a long journey. If anyone is interested, please email RG.<br><a href="#">Conference and AGM - NASACRE</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |        |