

Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)

Thursday 17 October 2019 at 4.15 pm for 4.30 pm start

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**Members Suite (Restricted area) - 4th Floor, Brent Civic Centre,
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Membership:

Basma El Shayyal (Chair)

Adviser:

- Lesley Prior

Councillors:

- Cllr Tariq Dar
- Cllr Orleen Hylton
- Cllr Neil Nerva

Representatives of:

- Local Authority
- Church of England
- Brent's other faiths and denominations
- Teachers unions

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Date of the next meeting: Thursday 30 January 2020



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BRENT SACRE
27 June 2019
Brent Civic Centre

Start: 17:40

Attendees:

<p>GROUP A <i>(A committee of persons representing such Christian denominations and other religions and denominations of such religions as, in the opinion of the authority, will appropriately reflect the principal religious traditions in the area)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basma ElShayyal (Chair, Sunni Islam) • Bhupinder Singh (Sikh) • Santanam Swaminathan • Farjad Farid
<p>GROUP B <i>(A committee of persons representing the Church of England)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev. Steve Taylor (Church of England)
<p>GROUP C <i>(A committee of persons representing such associations representing teachers as, in the opinion of the authority, ought to be represented, having regard to the circumstances of the area)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaun Cremin (Teachers' Union) • Lea Murray • John Roche • Helen Mooney
<p>GROUP D <i>(A committee of persons representing the authority)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Orleen Hylton • Cllr Neil Nerva

In attendance: In attendance: Roger Butler – Adviser to SACRE; Gail Tolley – Strategic Director, Children and Young People, Brent Council; Helen Tulloch – Governor Support Coordinator, Brent Council; John Frankis – Systems and Partnerships Manager, Brent Council; Nikoleta Nikolova and Kunwar Khan (Governance Officers, Brent Council)

1. Welcome and apologies:

- Apologies were received from Lesley Prior, Gillian Crow, Malcolm Deboo, Dawn Titus, Florence Agbuba, Graham Marriner, Rupadevi and Tamar Barnett.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

- The minutes of the previous SACRE meeting held on 7 March 2019 were approved as an accurate record

3. Matters arising:

- Members were asked to note the minutes provided by Anson Primary School following SACRE's provisional approval of their application for determination presented at the last meeting. It was thereby agreed that the determination be granted with immediate effect.

4. Annual Report 2017/18:

- Members had before them the final version of the Annual Report for 2017/18
- Upon introducing the item, the Chair expressed her sincere gratitude towards John Frankis (Systems and Partnerships Manager, Brent Council) for his time and work on preparing the report.
- The Annual Report 2017/18 was well received and unanimously endorsed by SACRE members.

ACTION:

- That the Annual Report 2017/18 be sent to NASACRE for publication.

5. Annual Report 2018/19 (verbal update):

- SACRE members were invited to send their thoughts and contributions relating to the 2018/19 annual report by the end of the summer term.
- It was suggested that NASACRE guidance on what an annual report should look like be circulated to members for information, alongside the relevant NASACRE log-in details.

6. Determinations:

- The Chair introduced the item and stated that several applications for determinations had been received from schools in Brent since the last SACRE meeting, as set out in the agenda pack and welcomed members' comments.
- The Chair praised the overall approach taken by schools towards religious education, in particular the clear distinction made by schools between

religious education and collective worship policies as well as the usefulness of the application criteria/instructions circulated to schools.

- With regards to Brentfield Primary School, the Chair comments on the prominence given to pupil's voices through school councillors and class representatives, thus allowing agency to young people and demonstrating that real consultation had taken place.
- Referencing item 9, p.23 of the agenda, it was noted that the wording of the Brentfield Primary School Governing Board minutes was not clear and needed to be drawn to the attention of the school.
- With regards to Mount Stewart Primary School, the Chair commented on the usefulness of outlining the different aims of collective worship set out in the School's Collective Worship Policy.
- As no further comments were raised, it was unanimously agreed that determinations for Brentfield, Byron Court, Fryent, Mitchell Brook, Mount Stewart, Newfield and Northview Primary Schools be granted.

ACTION:

- That Helen Tulloch/Nikoleta Nikolova undertake to write to the schools listed above and confirm that their determinations had been granted.

7. Calendar of meetings:

- Members had before them a list of provisional dates for 2019/20 meetings of ASC and SACRE
- In the ensued discussion, it was agreed that the dates be approved as follows: 17th October 2019, 30th January 2020 and 31st April 2020. All meetings would be held at Brent Civic Centre with a starting time of 4.30pm, unless otherwise specified.

8. Any other business:

- Members' attention was drawn to the link to Diversity of Religious and Belief Guidance resources included in the agenda pack and were encouraged to complete the accompanying survey before the end of July 2019.
- Gail Tolley (Strategic Director, Children and Young People) commended members' commitment and expressed her gratitude towards their continuous efforts and time spent on developing the works of ASC and SACRE.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance at the meeting and wished everyone a good and restful summer break.

Notice of next meeting: Thursday, 17 October 2019 - 4.30pm

Meeting finished at: 6.05pm
BASMA ELSHAYYAL
Chair

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