

***SHEFFIELD***  
***Standing Advisory Council***  
***on Religious Education***  
***(Sheffield SACRE)***

***Constitution***

**August 2014**

## **1. Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (Sheffield SACRE)**

**1.1** The Council shall be called the Sheffield SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education), established under Section 3.90 - 3.97 of the Education Act 1996 as amended.

## **2. Explanation of terms in this document**

**2.1** The “Local Authority (LA)” will mean Sheffield City Council acting either independently or through Children, Young People and Families (CYPF).

**2.2** The “Council” will mean Sheffield’s Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).

**2.3** “Member” will mean a member of SACRE and includes substitute or co-opted members.

**2.4** All questions of interpretation are governed by the “Interpretation Act” 1978 as may be subsequently amended.

## **3. Membership**

### **3.1 Committee A - Other Christian denominations and other faiths represented in the Local Authority Area**

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| Baha'i                       | 1 representative |
| Baptist Church               | 1 representative |
| Black led Christian Churches | 1 representative |
| Buddhism                     | 1 representative |
| Congregationalist Church     | 1 representative |
| Hinduism                     | 1 representative |
| Islam                        | 2 representative |
| Judaism                      | 1 representative |
| Methodist Church             | 1 representative |
| Mormon                       | 1 representative |
| Roman Catholic Church        | 1 representative |
| Sikhism                      | 1 representative |
| United Reformed Church       | 1 representative |

The Local Authority may co-opt representatives of other faiths or organizations where requests are made, if it is considered they reflect a significant local presence.

### **3.2 Committee B - The Church of England**

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| Nominated by the Diocese | 4 representatives |
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### **3.3 Committee C – Teachers’ Professional Associations**

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| Association of School and College Leaders | 1 representative |
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| Association of Teachers and Lecturers | 1 representative |
| National Association of Head Teachers | 1 representative |
| NASUWT                                | 1 representative |
| NUT                                   | 1 representative |
| VOICE                                 | 1 representative |

### 3.4 Committee D The Local Authority

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| Elected councillors of Sheffield City Council | 2 representatives |
| School Governors                              | 2 representatives |

### 3.5 Co-opted members

The Local Authority may invite co-opted members as individuals or as nominated by other organizations, where this is considered appropriate to further the work of SACRE. Currently (February 2014), members have been co-opted from the Sheffield Christian Constituency Movement, Sheffield Humanist Society and the University of Sheffield.

### 3.6 Other Points

- a) The Chair of the Council shall be the Executive Director of Children, Young People and Families or his/her representative. The clerk to SACRE shall be appointed by the Local Authority. A Vice Chair will be appointed from within the SACRE membership by nomination in September 2014 for a period of 3 school years (see also paragraph c) below).
- b) The core values, duties, funding, procedures and further developments for the SACRE are recorded as a separate document.
- c) All members shall be delegates who are interested in education in general, and Religious Education in particular. They shall serve for a period of 3 school years, commencing in September 2014, after which their Nominating Body may choose to re-propose them for a further 3 year period, or to propose a new member.
- d) A member who knows they will be absent can delegate a substitute to attend on their behalf. They must inform the clerk of SACRE at least 6 hours in advance of the meeting.
- e) If a member is absent for 3 or more consecutive meetings for any reason not acceptable to the council, there shall be deemed a vacated place to be filled by the Nominating Body for that committee.
- f) A meeting will only be quorate and so able to make significant decisions if the following numbers of representatives of the respective groups are present:

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| <b>Committee A</b> | Minimum of 2 representatives, one Christian and one non-Christian |
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**Committees** Minimum of 1 representative each  
**B/ C/ D**

- g) All members are entitled to speak and vote on any issue. However, substitute or co-opted members may speak but not vote. SACRE will always seek to reach decisions on a consensus basis but when decisions are to be voted on; only one vote is allowed from each of group A, B, C and D. In the event of an equality of votes on any issue the chair may exercise a casting vote.

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