

F26 SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education)

F26.1 Purpose:

Constitution

The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) is established in accordance with Section II of the Education Act 1988 (as amended by Section 255 of the Education Act 1993) by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead acting as the local ~~education~~-authority.

Duties and Powers

a) The SACRE shall advise the authority on such matters connected with religious worship in ~~country-community~~ schools and the religious education to be given in

accordance with an agreed syllabus in ~~County-community~~ and Controlled Voluntary

schools as the authority may refer to it or as it may see fit.

b) SACRE shall in particular advise on methods of teaching, the choice of materials and the provision of training for teachers.

c) The SACRE shall on an application made by a headteacher of any ~~countycommunity~~

school after consultation with the governing body, consider whether it is appropriate for the requirement for Christian collection worship to apply in the case of that school, or in the case of any class or description of pupils at that school. The SACRE shall arrive at its decision and communicate it to the headteacher in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Education Reform Act 1998.

d) The representative groups on the SACRE, other than that representing the authority, may at any time require a review of any Agreed Syllabus for the time being adopted by the authority.

e) The SACRE shall, each year, publish a report on its proceedings and those of its representative groups. The report shall specify any matters on which the SACRE has given advice to the authority and the reasons for offering the advice.

f) The SACRE shall take any action assigned to it by the authority in relation to the consideration and disposal of any complaint concerning collective worshipper religious education in compliance with Section 23 of the Education Reform Act 1988.

Comment [FJ1]: The ERA was 1988 not 1998. I wonder whether this is the most up to date legislation to reference this to. The law hasn't changed though

Comment [FJ2]: Again, this might be also set out in more recent legislation

F26.2 Membership

The members of SACRE (other than co-opted members) shall be appointed by the authority so that they shall represent the following groups:

Group A - Christian denominations and other religions

The Free Churches - 3

The Roman Catholic Church - 1

Hinduism - 1

Islam - 1

Judaism - 1

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Sikhism – 1

Comment [FJ3]: Can we request that RBWM considers adding a Buddhist and a Baha'i to this list?

Group B

The Church of England – 3

Group C - Associations representing teachers

NUT - 1

NAS/UWT - 1

NAHT - 1

SHA-BASH - 1

ATL - 1

PAT-VOICE – 1

Group D

The local authority - 3

Terms of Office

a) Members of the SACRE shall serve from the date of their appointment for a period of four years or until they resign, whichever is the sooner. All members their successors are appointed by the authority. They shall be eligible for renomination by the group they represent and reappointment by the local authority.

b) Any member who fails to attend 3 consecutive ordinary meetings of the SACRE other than for a reason approved by the SACRE shall cease to be a member.

c) The validity of the proceedings of the SACRE, or of any of its representative groups, shall not be affected by a vacancy in the membership or on the grounds that a member does not at the time represent the domination, religion or associate he or she was appointed to represent.

Comment [FJ4]: I have checked and this is a typographical error which needs correcting

Procedure

The SACRE shall elect annually at its first meeting of the academic year, a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from among its members by voting in accordance with Clause 4. (Each representative group concerned shall have a single vote)

F26.3 Quorum: 5 Members

F26.4 Frequency: Three times per year

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