



**Notice of a public meeting of
SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education)**

To: SACRE members

Group A

Karen Vincent
Penny Coppin-Siddall
Ian Hodgson
Daryoush Mazloum
Imam Mirazam
Ben Rich

Group B

Kirsty Wordsworth

Group C

Taco Michiels
Andy Tod

Group D

Cllr Andrew Waller (Chair)
Cllr Ian Cuthbertson
Cllr Fiona Fitzpatrick
Cllr Martin Rowley

LA Officers

Maxine Squire (Assistant Director Education and Skills)

Professional RE Advisor

Olivia Seymour (Assistant Director of Education (Distinctiveness) Diocese of York Waller (Chair), Rich (Vice-Chair), Cuthbertson, Fitzpatrick, Rowley, Vincent, Maxine, Coppin-Siddall, Hodgson, Daryoush Mazloum, Seymour, Mirazam, Michiels and Tod

Date: Thursday, 12 January 2023

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: The Thornton Room - Ground Floor, West Offices (G039)

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings and Matters Arising** (Pages 1 - 12)
To approve the minutes of the previous SACRE meetings held on 22 June 2022 and 29 November 2022.
4. **SACRE Annual Report 2021-22** (Pages 13 - 20)
To approve the SACRE Annual Report 2021-22.
5. **Monitoring of Standards** (Pages 21 - 22)
To consider the monitoring of standards in RE.
6. **Training of SACRE Members on visits to schools**
To consider the training of SACRE Members on visits to schools to see how RE curriculums are being delivered.
7. **ONS results on religious belief**
To review of the implications of the ONS data on collective worship. The briefing from the Religion and Media Centre on the census results can be viewed at:
<https://religionmediacentre.org.uk/rmc-briefings/briefing-impact-of-census-results-on-religion-and-belief/>
The York ONS data can be viewed at:
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/culturalidentity/religion/bulletins/religionenglandandwales/census2021>
8. **Work Plan**
To consider items for future meetings.
9. **Urgent Business**
10. **Future meeting dates**
1 February 2023 at 6.00pm in the Hudson room at West Offices

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

Meeting	SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education)
Date	22 June 2022
Present	<u>Group A</u> Penny Coppin-Siddall Daryoush Mazloum Ben Rich (Vice Chair)
	<u>Group B</u> Kirsty Hollinger
	<u>Group C</u> Taco Michiels Andy Tod
	<u>Group D</u> Cllr Andrew Waller (Chair) Cllr Ian Cuthbertson Cllr Martin Rowley
In Attendance	<u>LA Officers</u> Janie Berry (Director of Governance) Maxine Squire (Assistant Director Education and Skills)
	<u>Professional RE Advisor</u> Olivia Seymour (Assistant Director of Education (Distinctiveness) Diocese of York)
Apologies	Kate Bailey (Group A), Ian Hodgson (Group A), Cllr Fitzpatrick (Group D) and Janie Berry (City of York Council Director of Governance)

25. Election of Chair [18:00]

It was proposed that Cllr Waller, as the City of York Council's new Executive Member for Children, Young People & Education, be nominated as Chair.

No further nominations were received, and it was

Resolved: That Cllr Waller be appointed as Chair of SACRE for one year.

Reason: In accordance with paragraph 5.1 of SACRE's Constitution.

26. Chair's Announcements [18:00]

There were no announcements from the Chair.

27. Apologies for Absence [18:00]

Apologies were received from: Kate Bailey, Ian Hodgson (Group A), Cllr Fiona Fitzpatrick (Group D) and Janie Berry (Director of Governance).

28. Declarations of Interest [18:01]

There were no declarations of interest.

29. A short talk and Q&A on Buddhism [18:02]

Mark Jones, of the York Buddhist Centre, gave a talk on Buddhism. He described his own background as a Buddhist of 32 years' standing and provided a brief outline of the beliefs and principles of the faith, the differences between Western and Eastern practices, and common misunderstandings and stereotypes.

Andy explained that Mark visited Ralph Butterfield School as part of visiting speakers on different faiths

A question and answer session followed, during which Mark further explained:

- That the York Buddhist Centre would be adding information on what they can offer to schools on their website (for which there would be a charge). They would also be inviting people to the Centre.
- It was not a prophletising religion
- The York Buddhist community in York was small. As part of York Interfaith Week they would out on an evening for visitors.
- Buddhist festivals ran around the full moons.
- In some Buddhist religions Buddha was seen as a deity, although this was largely cultural. Western Buddhism saw Buddha as a human being.

- Three biggest misconceptions in Buddhism were monastics

A Member asked if a role for SACRE was to give guidance on paying for visits to schools. Olivia Seymour explained the difficulty with this and suggested that Committee A could look at this in more detail. It was suggested information on school visits could be added as an agenda item for a future meeting. Mark Jones was asked and agreed to discuss Buddhist representation on SACRE with his community.

Resolved: That the information on the work of the York Buddhist Centre be noted.

Reason: In order to be updated in the work of York Buddhist Centre

[Cllr Rowley and Mark Jones left the meeting at 18:35]

30. Minutes of the meeting on 5 January 2022 and 30 March 2022 and Matters Arising [18:35]

Resolved: That the minutes of the meetings held 5 January 2022 and 30 March 2022 be approved and signed as an accurate record.

The Chair noted the change in SACRE membership, as approved at the Council meeting in May 2022.

31. Monitoring of Standards - Development Plan [18:39]

Members considered the City Of York SACRE: Development Plan 2020 – 2022. Maxine Squire noted that the 2020-22 development plan had now come to an end and as such it was time to review it. She highlighted the following points:

- The impact of the COVID pandemic on the work of schools and SACRE was noted.
- There was a need to continue work on website and develop a communications plan across the school community, council and other agencies such as Interfaith York. This was supported by Olivia Seymour, who encouraged the development of this, building on the momentum of the launch of the agreed syllabus.
- SACRE was firmly established in its constitutional development.
- There was a need to look at the impact of the agreed syllabus and where schools would need support on the implementation of it. Questions on this may be added to the school monitoring survey and it would aid in the development of a CPD programme for schools.

During debate on the development plan, Members noted:

- The advantage of virtual meetings for schools.
- There was a small budget for SACRE to support work in schools
- SACRE did not have a clear view in the monitoring of teaching RE in schools
- The annual conference in schools had not been achieved and the barriers to engagement for attending those events was noted
- Training could be completed online.
- Olivia noted that the last primary conference was well attended and the secondary conference was more challenging with attendance opened up to all York secondary schools. It was suggested that a carousel type event may be welcomed by schools.
- The new development plan had been set around the NASACRE framework

Andy Tod informed Members One of the groups that a Speak Up Diversity York had approached the Local Authority and suggested that an action plan be created to address racism in York and it was suggested that they could be invited to speak at a future SACRE meeting.

Olivia undertook to check on the NASACRE website on its definition of stakeholders

Members welcomed a focus on communication as a priority for the work of SACRE

Maxine suggested that she and Olivia could draft the actions for the development and circulate to Members for comments. This was welcomed by Members and Ben offered to input into the actions. Maxine Squire reported that for the Annual Report Business Intelligence at the Council would be able to help distribute the questionnaires to schools. Members were asked for their views on questions to be included. Cllr Cuthbertson noted the limitations on including free text in the Business Intelligence software and he offered to liaise on this with Maxine. Taco Michiels, Andy Tod and Kirsty Hollinger also agreed to input on this.

Resolved: That a working group of Maxine Squire, Olivia Seymour, Taco Michiels, Andy Tod and Kirsty Hollinger be formed to examine the development plan.

Reason: In order to keep the development plan up to date.

32. National RE and Collective worship updates [19:17]

Members were updated on Regional and National updates. This included updates on the Religion and Worldviews Project, White paper on Education and RE, RETHink RE media release and report card on RE, and the NATRE report on RE in Secondary Schools and a summary of the NASACRE conference. Members were asked whether the Religion and Worldviews Project should be considered in further detail at a future meeting, particularly in relation to its impact on the curriculum. Olivia explained potential changes to the statutory role of SACREs nationally as a result of the White paper on Education and RE. She noted that at the moment, the majority of York schools used the SACRE agreed syllabus. Concerning the NATRE report on RE in Secondary Schools and a summary it was noted that there had been an increase in the uptake of RE at KS4.

Resolved: That the National RE and Collective worship updates be noted.

Reason: In order to be kept up to date on National RE and Collective worship.

33. Correspondence on complaints / determinations [19:23]

It was reported that there had been no complaints to SACRE.

Resolved: That Members be updated on complaints.

Reason: In order to be kept updated on complaints to SACRE and determinations of complaints.

34. 2022-23 Work plan [19:25]

It was agreed that the development of the development plan would be added as an item on the next meeting agenda

Resolved: That the work plan be updated to reflect the above change.

Reason: In order to keep the work plan updated.

35. Future meeting dates [19:26]

11 October 2022 at 6.00pm in the Hudson room, West Offices

It was agreed that there an additional meeting be added in December, the February meeting move to March and the following meeting to be held after Annual Council in May 2023.

36. Urgent Business - Interfaith Week [19:28]

Members discussed Interfaith week (week of 12 November 2022).
Members were invited to the tree planting event as part of this.

Resolved: That Interfaith Week would be added to the Development Plan.

Reason: In order to support the work of York Interfaith.

Cllr Waller, Chair

[The meeting started at 6.04 pm and finished at 7.41 pm].

Meeting	SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education)
Date	29 November 2022
Present	<u>Group A</u> Penny Coppin-Siddall Daryoush Mazloum Karen Vincent <u>Group C</u> Andy Tod <u>Group D</u> Cllr Andrew Waller (Chair) Cllr Ian Cuthbertson
In Attendance	<u>LA Officer</u> Maxine Squire (Assistant Director Education and Skills) <u>Professional RE Advisor</u> Olivia Seymour (Assistant Director of Education (Distinctiveness) Diocese of York)
Apologies	Ian Hodgson (Group A), Ben Rich (Group A), Kirsty Wordsworth (Group B), Taco Michiels (Group C), and Cllr Fitzpatrick (Group D) and Cllr Rowley (Group D)

The meeting was inquorate.

37. Apologies for Absence [18.00]

Apologies for absence were received and accepted for Ian Hodgson, Ben Rich, Kirsty Wordsworth, Taco Michiels, and Cllrs Fitzpatrick and Rowley.

38. Declarations of Interest [18.06]

There were no declarations of interest.

39. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising [18.07]

Resolved: That subject to prophletising being changed to proselytising under the A short talk and Q&A on Buddhism item, the minutes be approved and signed as a correct record at the next meeting.

Reason: In order to approve the minutes.

40. Draft SACRE Annual Report 2021-22 [18.09]

Maxine Squire explained that the draft SACRE report followed NASACRE and DfE templates and covered the period July 2021 to August 2022. She advised that a quorate meeting would be needed to sign off the report. It was confirmed that the Chair's Introduction and membership information in the report needed updating. In response to a question from the Chair, Cllr Cuthbertson (previous Chair) confirmed that he had drafted a Chair's Introduction.

SACRE members were asked for their comments on the draft report. It was suggested that the venue for two SACRE meetings had been in York schools and that there had been presentations on Buddhism and Humanism at two meetings could be included in the report. It was also suggested that input from RE teachers could be included in the report.

[Penny Coppin-Siddal joined the meeting at 18.18]

Resolved: That the SACRE Annual Report 2021-22 be approved at the next meeting.

Reason: In order for the Annual Report to be submitted to NASACRE and the DfE.

41. National Data [18.18]

Members had been provided with a paper on the National Response to A Level and GCSE religious Education results. SACRE's role in monitoring the quality of RE was discussed and it was noted that for secondary schools, monitoring could come through pupil voice, school websites and

monitoring data. For primary schools, this could be through school websites, and questionnaires and school visits.

Resolved: That the National Response to A Level and GCSE religious Education results be noted.

Reason: In order to be kept up to date on national data.

42. Development Plan 2022-2024 [18.20]

Maxine Squire gave an update on the Development Plan noting that SACRE discussions had informed the plan. She detailed the actions that had been completed and noted that she had looked at areas of the plan that related back to NASACRE to ensure that SACRE could deliver on its actions. Olivia Seymour explained that SACRE needed to look at the way in which it included school visits in the plan and she highlighted the work of Andy Tod on the Primary RE Network and reported that Taco Michiels had agreed to lead the Secondary RE group.

The Chair asked if schools visits had been arranged. Maxine Squire explained that it was better to look at areas where best practice could be showcased and she undertook to work with Andy Tod and Taco Michiels on this. The Chair noted the need to be mindful of the pressure on teachers.

It was suggested that SACRE visits to schools needed to be SACRE Member led and it was suggested that the schools questionnaire could reflect this. Olivia Seymour suggested that it would be useful for Members to have training on the teaching of RE in schools and a Member suggested that that it would be useful for teachers if the visits celebrated the work of RE teachers. It was noted that this would be similar to a governor type of visit into schools. It was noted that visits to schools would need to be approved by Headteacher and a Member asked if school visits could be directed through RE teachers.

The Chair asked if visits could be developed through the Primary and Secondary RE networks. Maxine Squire and Olivia Seymour undertook to organise a scheme of potential visits to be circulated to all SACRE Members. Olivia Seymour suggested that there be training on visits at the February 2023 SACRE meeting.

Resolved: That the update on the Development Plan 2022-24 be noted.

Reason: In order to be kept up to date on the progress of the Development Plan.

43. National RE and Collective Worship updates [18.30]

Olivia Seymour outlined the National RE and Collective Worship updates as detailed in the update paper circulated to SACRE Members. She gave an update on the Regional RE Hub Leads for Religious Education, noting that she was the regional Lead for Yorkshire and the Humber. She reported that there would be a website for the Regional RE Hub and SACRE would be able to put information on that website. It was noted that members of Interfaith York were booked on the training run by the National RE Hubs lead.

Members were encouraged to read the Still Standing: The Future of SACREs Report.

Resolved: That the National RE and Collective Worship updates be noted.

Reason: In order to be kept up to date on National RE and Collective Worship updates.

44. Interfaith Week [18.45]

Penny Coppin-Siddall report that Interfaith Week had been successful. She explained that this year, Interfaith York had experimented with a logo competition through SACRE and there were winning entries from more than one school including Ralph Butterfield. She noted that this had been a good way of connecting with schools. She explained that a number of entries included drawings of Cliffords Tower and this had highlighted a need for schools to educate their children on the history of the tower. There had also been drawings of York Minster which it was used as it did not represent a number of faiths. This was discussed by Members and Olivia Seymour noted that this highlighted an opportunity to use the factsheets launched at the Agreed Syllabus launch. She also noted the resource of the Jewish exhibition at the Castle Museum.

During discussion it was suggested that the work of SACRE could be developed and promoted to schools and it was noted that the logo competition was a good way of engaging with schools. Andy Tod was asked and confirmed that a crib sheet for the RE Primary Network may be useful.

Olivia Seymour suggested that SACRE may want to consider providing local subject knowledge to schools and she suggested that SACRE consider Interfaith Week at the spring term SACRE meeting.

It was highlighted that Interfaith Week was close to Remembrance Sunday and Anti Bullying Week in schools and suggested that preparation for Interfaith Week could be coordinated throughout the year. It was agreed that Interfaith Week would be considered in the Spring term.

Resolved: That the update on Interfaith Week be noted.

Reason: In order to be updated on the work of Interfaith York.

45. Correspondence on complaints / determinations

It was reported that there had been no complaints to SACRE.

Resolved: That Members be updated on complaints.

Reason: In order to be kept updated on complaints to SACRE and determinations of complaints.

46. Work Plan

It was agreed that at the January meeting there would be a focus on getting the monitoring strand going and that there would be a possible update on school standards in RE.

Resolved: That the work plan be updated to reflect the above changes.

Reason: In order to keep the work plan updated.

47. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

48. Future meeting dates

Thursday 12 January 2023 at 6.00pm in the Hudson room at West Offices.

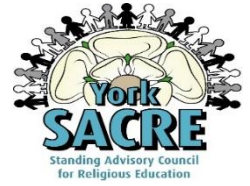
Cllr Waller, Chair

[The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 7.00 pm].

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City of York SACRE Annual Report 2021-22



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1. Introduction

Foreword by the Chair of SACRE

The 2021-22 academic year has provided members of York SACRE with opportunities for learning and development. A feature of the year has been to be able to hold face to face meetings at two of the city's schools, giving non-teaching members a chance to experience the environment in which RE is taught. During these meetings, we have had presentations from teacher representatives, from the humanist member of SACRE, and from a Buddhist representative, who we expect to be joining SACRE as a member of Group A in 2022-23.

In the year, the number serving teachers who are members of SACRE increased, adding an important direct link to the work that we are developing to improve the monitoring of the quality of RE in York.

During 2021-22, a new Agreed Syllabus was prepared and presented to schools; teachers have welcomed the new Syllabus and have also made many positive comments about the supporting materials provided by RE Today. Some changes to the schools survey this year are being used to update and improve the priorities for further professional development for RE teachers as part of the SACRE Development Plan for 2022-24.

Besides being a learning and development year for York's SACRE, 2021-22 also saw a review of the Council's constitution, and SACRE's place as a statutory body was clearly articulated within this. York SACRE's terms of reference were refreshed and revised with support from the Council's democratic services team. This process has clarified chairing responsibilities for SACRE, allocating this to the Executive member for Children's Services and Education. Following a change in Executive member appointments in May 2022, SACRE welcomed Cllr Andrew Waller as the new Chair of SACRE.

To function effectively, SACRE relies on the contributions of individual members and the supporting work done by our officers; I want to thank all concerned for helping to make this year successful. I have enjoyed my time as Chair of York's SACRE and hope to remain an active and committed member of this body.

Cllr Ian Cuthbertson

Chair of City of York SACRE - September 2021 to May 2022

Meeting and Attendance 2021-22

City of York SACRE met four times in the academic year 2021-22

5th October 2021

5th January 2022

30th March 2022

22nd June 2022

During the academic year 2021-22 City of York SACRE met in a combination of remote and face to face meetings

The attendance, by Committee, is set out below:-

Committee	5 th Oct 2021	5 th January 2022	30 th March 2022	22 nd June 2022
Committee A Representing Other Denominations / Faith Communities	5	4	2	3
Committee B Representing the Church of England	2	1	0	1
Committee C Representing teachers	1	2	2	2
Committee D Representing City of York Council	3	4	4	3
LA Officer	1	1	1	1
Total	12	12	9 (Inquorate)	10

All meetings, apart from the March meeting, were quorate however there are a number of vacancies and efforts are being made to fill the vacancies.

A focus on the SACRE development plan, a report from the Local Authority officer (including a focus on standards) and a report on national NASACRE and RE professional organisations updates are standing items at each meeting

2. RE (statutory responsibilities)

Locally agreed syllabus

There are 19 primary, 2 secondary and 1 special maintained schools who follow the City of York Locally Agreed Syllabus

There are 25 primary, 4 secondary and 1 special academies who have adopted the City of York Locally Agreed Syllabus

Separate regulations covering maintained special schools require them to ensure that as far as practicable every pupil receives opportunities to explore RE. The City of York Agreed

Syllabus 2021-2026 includes specific guidance and support for Special Schools. Special Schools use the City of York Locally Agreed Syllabus, at least partially, and adapt it to meet the needs of the pupils.

Standards and monitoring of RE

Due to the impact of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, City of York SACRE has been limited in its ability to actively monitor standards in RE across the York schools. There were 6 inspections of York Schools between September 2021 and July 2022. Five primary schools were inspected and one secondary school. The Ofsted reports for 5 out of the 6 schools make no direct reference to Religious Education. York SACRE has considered how it can develop its monitoring of standards in R.E. in the future as the monitoring of R.E. through Ofsted reports is not providing detailed information about the quality of R.E.

In 2022 national exams returned for the first time since 2019. Validated data is currently unavailable but will be presented to SACRE in January 2023.

City of York SACRE developed and approved a monitoring questionnaire in the academic year 2020-21 and this was circulated to schools in September 2021. In 2021 responses were received from a limited number of schools and SACRE has considered how the questionnaire can be further developed in 2022-23 to increase the number of responses to inform both the monitoring of R.E. in schools and also to inform the SACRE development plan.

Teaching training and materials and advice for schools

City of York SACRE supports the NATRE local group for primary RE teachers and a NATRE local group for secondary teachers set up following the launch of the locally agreed syllabus in May 2021.

City of York SACRE received no formal complaints regarding RE provision in the academic - year 2021-22.

3. Collective Worship

Besides Religious Education each local authority must work with its SACRE to monitor the provision of daily collective worship. As a result of changes to the Ofsted framework and in the absence of further guidance, the City of York SACRE published guidance in 2017 to support Collective Worship in schools in the City, which it continues to promote within schools. The guidance is available on the City of York SACRE website (www.york.gov.uk/sacre).

Schools may apply to SACRE for a determination in order to provide Collective Worship of a non-Christian or other form. As in previous years, no determinations were requested by schools.

There were no complaints registered with City of York SACRE in 2021/2022 in respect of collective worship. Updating City of York guidance on Collective Worship has been identified as a development point for City of York SACRE.

4. Links with other bodies

City of York SACRE is a member of the National Association of SACREs (NASACRE). Through the year SACRE members were informed of developments in RE from NASACRE, The National Association of Teachers of RE (NATRE) and The Religious Education Council of England and Wales (REC). The Professional RE Adviser attended the Summer 2022 NASACRE conference and reported back to members.

City of York SACRE has a long- standing relationship with York Interfaith Group. York Interfaith Group have set up a mechanism to support visits and visitors to York schools.

City of York SACRE supports the York Holocaust Memorial Day event. This event took place in January 2022.

During the Academic year 2021-22 City of York SACRE commissioned some specialist RE adviser support from Olivia Seymour, Diocese of York. This support focused on supporting the work of SACRE meetings, training for SACRE members and reporting on regional and national updates .

5. City of York SACRE's own arrangements

During the academic year 2021-22 City of York SACRE continued its close relationship with City of York Council's Democratic Services. In autumn 2021 Democratic Services, in consultation with City of York SACRE, finalised the process of reviewing the constitution and it was approved by members. This has led to the role of SACRE being clarified within the Council's constitution and has enhanced the visibility of SACRE.

Structures and processes to enable members to monitor RE have been identified as priorities for 2022-23.

An officer in the Local Authority's Democratic Services Section acts as Clerk to SACRE. In addition, the Director of Governance provides professional support and advice to SACRE, principally on matters of governance and matters relating to the work of the Council and its Committees.

The people who serve on York SACRE are invited to do so by the Corporate Director of Children's Services and Education on the recommendation of various bodies in the local community with a concern for the religious education of school children. The law prescribes that there have to be four "committees" each comprising representatives of specified groups. The current SACRE is constituted as follows:-

Committee A - Representing Other Denominations / Faith Communities:-

Kate Bailey joined March 2021 (Catholic)

Karen Vincent joined August 2022 (Catholic)

Ben Rich (Jewish)

Keith Albans (Methodist)

Iman Abid Salik (Muslim)

Tracey Copestake resigned autumn term 2020 Deborah Evans joined March 2021 (Religious Society of Friends)

Vacant (Salvation Army)

Vacant (Sikh)

Daryoush Mazloun (York Baha'i Community)

Penny Coppin-Siddall (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)

Ian Hodgson (Humanist)

Committee B - Representing the Church of England:-

Olivia Seymour (Diocese of York)

Katherine Harper (Archbishop Holgate's CE Academy)

Committee C - Representing Teachers:-

Andy Todd (Ralph Butterfield)

Taco Michiels (Joseph Rowntree)

Committee D - Representing the City of York Council are Councillors:-

Ian Cuthbertson (Lib Dem)

Martin Rowley (Con)

Chris Cullwick (Lib Dem)

Fiona Fitzpatrick (Lab)

Andrew Waller (Lib Dem) appointed May 2022

In attendance:-

Maxine Squire (Education Adviser)

Angela Bielby (Clerk)

Finance – annual budget

York's SACRE is assigned an annual budget of £3,500. A summary of spend in 2021-22 is shown in the table below:

Item		Total Spend
NASACRE annual membership fee for 2021-22		£105.00
Specialist RE adviser commissioned from Diocese of York		£1,400
Conference fees		£30.00
Total spend 2021-22		£1,535

Appendix

Development Plan, 2022-23

Circulation

This report is circulated to

- NASACRE
- DfE
- City of York Council Children, Education and Communities Scrutiny
- City of York schools
- SACRE members representative bodies

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SACRE Monitoring Visits to Schools

In order to support its functions to report on RE and Collective Worship in Schools City of York SACRE is proposing that it will offer a cycle of monitoring visits to schools regarding its Collective Worship and RE on a date and time to be agreed with the school. The plan would be to arrange to visit one school each half -term of an academic year. This would be for approximately 6 schools per year in the academic year 2023-24. The process will begin with a pilot visit in February 2023 and between April 2023 and July 2023 a further 3 visits to schools will take place. The 2023 pilot visits will be used to inform the monitoring of the quality of RE, which will also include SACRE looking GCSE and A level results, workforce data and responses to the school survey. This will all be reported in the 2022-23 Annual Report.

The purpose of school visits is to:

- Ensure compliance with relevant aspects such as delivery of locally agreed syllabus
- Provide contacts and advice where appropriate for RE and Collective Worship
- Gather information for York SACRE's statutory annual report; this would take the form of a half day visit from up to three SACRE members
- Identify and celebrate best practice in the delivery of Religious Education in York schools

During the visit:

- Observation of collective worship
- Pupil discussion forum to gather pupil views regarding collective worship and RE
- Professional discussion with lead/s for Collective Worship/RE and/or Headteacher

Following the visit

The members of SACRE who have made the visit will produce a brief confidential report for the school about their observations and information gathered which the school may use with Governors, Inspection teams and/or other stakeholders for which they see fit.

Headteachers and subject leaders will be asked to feedback to the SACRE any information they feel is important regarding the visit.

A summary report of any findings from monitoring visits will be submitted the SACRE as a standing agenda item at the SACRE meeting, confidentiality of schools will be maintained.

Any non-compliance issues will be reported to the LA adviser supporting SACRE for action.

Additional information

Schools selected for monitoring will be written to stating the reason for selection. The school does not have to accept a monitoring visit, however the SACRE would not expect a school to request non-participation more than once especially as it is hoped that this will be a supportive and sharing good practice tool that schools will be able to draw upon to support their own development.

Criteria for selection are:

- Headteacher/subject leader requests for a visit
- Application received for determination
- Action points for a school from Ofsted
- Local knowledge of innovation/good practice around Collective Worship (or RE)
- Complaints received by SACRE/ LA with regard to RE or Collective Worship
- Falling GCSE standards/numbers of entries for RE
- Headteacher/subject leader requests for LA adviser lesson observation in RE

Proposed visits February 2023- July 2023

School	Date of visit
Ralph Butterfield School (Primary)	Thursday 23 rd February (pm)
Joseph Rowntree School (Secondary)	April
Clifton Green School (Primary)	June
Huntington School (Secondary)	July

Maxine Squire

January 2023