

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT

SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education)

To:

Group A

Such Christian denominations and other religious denominations as, in the opinion of the Authority, will approximately reflect the principal religious traditions in the area.

Karen Vincent (Faith/Catholic)

Penny Coppin-Siddall (Faith/ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)

Imam Amar (Faith/Muslim)

Ben Rich (Vice Chair) (Faith/Jewish)

Mark Jones (Faith/Buddhist)

Fleur Kennedy (Faith/Bahai'i)

Colin Lewisohn (Faith/Humanist)

Dee Boyle (Faith/Unitarian, Buddhist, Pagan).

Group B

A groups of persons representing The Church of England.

Sue Bland (CoE)

Joseph Everdell (CoE)

Group C

A group of persons to represent such associations representing teachers as, in the opinion of the authority, ought to be represented, having regard to the circumstances of the area.

Taco Michiels (Joseph Rowntree School)

Diane Norton (York St John University)

Group D

A group of persons representing the City of York Council. In this case of Elected Members appointment to this group should ensure political balance and state which political group they represent. As an alternative, the Council may appoint representatives such as a governors association.

Cllr Robert Webb (Chair) (City of York Council)

Cllr Emilie Knight (City of York Council)
Cllr Martin Rowley BEM (City of York Council)
Cllr Sarah Wilson (City of York Council)

LA Officer

Maxine Squire (Assistant Director Education and Skills,
City of York Council)

Date: Thursday, 15 May 2025

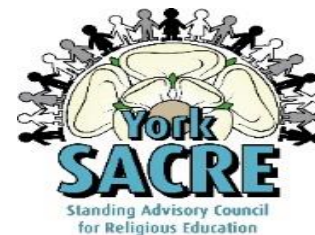
Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: West Offices

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on 7 May 2025. The attached additional documents are now available for the following agenda item:

- 6. Review of SACRE development plan** (Pages 3 - 8)
To review the SACRE development plan. The plan is shaped around the five key functions of SACREs contained in the NASACRE Self-Evaluation Toolkit.

This agenda supplement was published on 8 May 2025



York SACRE – DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2024

The York SACRE development plan is shaped around the five key functions of SACRES contained in the NASACRE Self-Evaluation Toolkit. These are:

1. To improve the management of SACRE and build the partnership between SACRE and other Key Stakeholders
2. Promoting improvement in the standards, quality of teaching and provision in RE
3. Evaluating the effectiveness of the Locally Agreed Syllabus
4. Promoting improvement in the provision and quality of collective worship
5. Contributing to cohesion across the community and the promotion of social and racial harmony

York SACRE has begun a programme of self-evaluation activity using the NASACRE self-evaluation tool that underpins identified priorities.

City Of York SACRE: Development Plan 2022 – 2024

Priority 1 and 5: Improve the management of SACRE and build the partnership between SACRE and other Key Stakeholders; Contributing to cohesion across the community and the promotion of social and racial harmony							Notes
Target: Raise awareness of and support for the work of City of York SACRE and RE as a subject							
Intended Impact: The work of SACRE is more visible in the City of York							
Actions	Timescale	People involved	Success Criteria	R	A	G	
Increase the profile of SACRE in the community: • Attend governor forums • Profiles of SACRE members on website • Regular newsletters	Autumn 2022	Members of SACRE Clerk to SACRE	All York schools and local and wider community aware of the role of SACRE	X			The membership has been updated but profiles are not present, not attending governor forums or regular newsletters
Continue to review the membership of SACRE to ensure that it continues to represent all significant Faith groups in York and to increase the number of teachers	On-going	Members of SACRE	SACRE membership includes all significant Faith groups in York and increased number of teachers			X	We have increased membership in terms of humanists and number of teachers but we need to look to increase other groups, such as Hindus.
Support the Interfaith logo competition	Autumn 2022	Chair of SACRE LA Adviser support SACRE Members of SACRE	Schools have a better understanding of the work of Interfaith York			X	This action was achieved, but has it led to better understanding of interfaith?

Establish links with existing youth voice groups e.g. York Youth Council Access for All Show me that I matter	On-going	Chair of SACRE LA Adviser support SACRE	The voice of children and young people informs the work of SACRE		X		SACRE members have met with some young people on their experiences of RE in schools. However further work is needed to engage with the specific groups listed.
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Priority 2: Promoting improvement in the standards, quality of teaching and provision in RE							Notes
Target: R.E. teachers are provided with high quality professional development which meets their needs and supports the delivery of the agreed syllabus							
Intended Impact: The quality of R.E. teaching in the City of York is consistently good or better							
Actions	Timescale	People Involved	Success Criteria	R	A	G	
Commission a programme of CPD to support the implementation of the Agreed Syllabus	2022-24	Members of SACRE RE Adviser to SACRE LA adviser to SACRE	95% of evaluations from CPD events are good and better. Take up for CPD increases.	X			

Re-establish secondary network meetings	Autumn 2022	RE Adviser to SACRE LA adviser to SACRE	At least 60% of schools attend network meetings	X			
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Priority 3 and 4: Evaluating the effectiveness of the Locally Agreed Syllabus and Promoting improvement in the provision and quality of collective worship							Notes
Target: SACRE has an improved understanding of the provision of RE in York schools							
Intended Impact: York schools are complaint in meeting the statutory requirements for Religious Education							
Action	Timescale	People involved	Success Criteria	R	A	G	
SACRE will have an annual programme of reports from RE subject leads	2022-23 2023-24	SACRE members Primary and secondary RE subject leads	SACRE has an improved understanding of RE provision in schools	X			A report was written for Ralph Butterfield School
Collate all contact details for RE leads in primary and secondary schools	September 2022 September 2023 September 2024	LA Adviser to SACRE	SACRE has an updated directory of school contacts to improve communication with schools				This will need to be updated regularly.
School visits planned to share good practice and take feedback from schools to inform the work of SACRE. Widen the number of SACRE members who undertake school visits. This can include virtual visits and schools focus group opportunities.	2022-23 2023-24	SACRE members RE adviser to SACRE LA adviser to SACRE	Programme of visits/online meeting opportunities planned and agreed at SACRE board. Visit reports evaluated to identify support needs and actions for schools and SACRE		X		There was a visit to Ralph Butterfield school. 2 more visits to primary schools are planned in; one secular, one church.

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