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Committee Minutes

Meeting SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious

Education)

Date 24 February 2025

Present Group A

Karen Vincent (Faith/Catholic)

Penny Coppin-Siddall (Faith/ The Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter Day Saints)

Ben Rich (Vice Chair) (Faith/Jewish)

Group B

Sue Bland (CoE)

Group C

Taco Michiels (Joseph Rowntree School)
Diane Norton (York St John University)

Group D

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)

In Attendance Dee Boyle (Faith/Unitarian, Buddhist, Pagan)

LA Officer

Maxine Squire (Assistant Director Education and

Skills, City of York Council)

Apologies Jospeh Everdell, Imam Mirazam and Andy Tod

The Chair thanked the Vice Chair for Chairing the meeting on 3 February 2025 as he was on paternity leave. It was confirmed that the meeting was quorate. Cllr Rowley congratulated the Chair and his wife on the birth of their child.

96. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest (5.10pm)

Apologies for absence were received and noted for Imam Amar, Joseph Everdell and Andy Tod. There were no declarations of interest.

97. Annual Report 2023-24 (5.11pm)

Maxine Squire explained that the report followed the NASACRE template and that it included the unvalidated Key Stage 4 (KS4) data apart from the KS4 data from Joseph Rowntree School and Vale of York Academy, which would be added when available. She explained that there had been an improvement in the quoracy of meeting which NASACRE had identified as being problematic for SACREs nationally in their annual report. She added that KS5 outcomes remained successful and participation at KS4 was strong. She explained that there had been some reduction in the numbers taking RE at KS4 but KS4 had achieved well at Grade 4 or above.

The Chair thanked Maxine Squire for the report. It was then unanimously:

Resolved: That approval be given to the 2023-24 SACRE Annual Report.

Reason: In order for the report to be submitted to NASACRE and the

DfE.

98. Any other business

None.

99. Future meeting dates

11 March 2025 meeting to be rearranged due to clash with Executive 15 July 2025 at 6.00pm at West Offices

Cllr Webb, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.08 pm and finished at 5.17 pm].