

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 6.00 PM
COMMITTEE ROOM 2, TOWN HALL, JUDD STREET, LONDON WC1H 9JE

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Ann Boater (Quaker), Sally Hay (Humanist), Dr. Lynndy Levin (Jewish), Nandarane Naina Parmar (Hindu), Loraine Nunez (Roman Catholic), Abdul Quadir (Muslim) + vacancies for Sikh and Buddhist representatives

PANEL B – THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Mary Thorne (Chair), Felicity Djerehe, Stephanie Ellner, Rev. Sally Jones, Rev. Damien Mason

PANEL C – TEACHERS

Sinead Costelloe, Emily Knowles, Rose O'Brien, Sarah Richardson, Helen Young

PANEL D – CAMDEN LOCAL AUTHORITY

Councillor Judy Dixey (LD), Councillor Rebecca Filer (L), Councillor Julian Fulbrook (L), Councillor Sylvia McNamara (L), Councillor Jenny Mulholland (L), Councillor Nazma Rahman (L), Councillor Nanouche Umeadi (L)

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AGENDA

Wards

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4. **MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2024.

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20)

5. **NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT**

6. **MEMBERSHIP OF CAMDEN SACRE**

To note the Camden SACRE membership.

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22)

7. **DRAFT CAMDEN SACRE PROTOCOL AND REVISIONS TO TERMS OF REFERENCE**

This report presents a newly drafted Camden SACRE protocol (Appendix 1) and updated terms of reference (Appendix 2), following a discussion at the previous meeting on 7 November 2024 regarding the need to review and update the terms of reference.

All Wards

(Pages 23 -
38)

The newly drafted protocol has been created to supplement the SACRE terms of reference in Camden's Constitution and align with the guidance and legal framework set out in Religious Education in English

Schools: Non-statutory Guidance 2010. It outlines Camden SACRE's areas of focus and expands on the expectations and responsibilities of SACRE and its members. Members are invited to review the document, provide feedback on any suggested changes, and, subject to agreement and adoption, the protocol will be owned by Camden SACRE and can be reviewed or amended as required.

The updates to the terms of reference involve minor administrative changes, including the removal of the reference to Circular 1/94 and the revision of the Executive Director's title from 'Supporting People' to 'Children and Learning.' These changes have already been incorporated into Camden's Constitution and are presented here for members' information and noting.

8. FAITH FORUM UPDATE

All Wards

A representative from the Camden Faith Forum will provide a verbal update on their work since the last meeting, covering:

(Pages 39 - 40)

- Interfaith work across Camden
- Plans for 2025 network briefings and events

Feedback is welcomed from members on how Camden SACRE can support the Faith Forum's work.

9. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SACRE (NASACRE) UPDATES

All Wards

This report highlights opportunities for Camden SACRE members to engage with national training and information on Religious Education (RE) and Collective Worship, as provided in a verbal report:

(Pages 41 - 42)

- NASACRE online webinars for 2025
- NASACRE conference details for 2025

Feedback is welcomed from members on how Camden SACRE can continue to develop its individual and collective knowledge of national issues and developments.

10. CAMDEN SACRE ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

All Wards

This report provides an overview of the summer 2024 exam results and analysis, Ofsted reports from 2023–24 on Religious Education (RE) and Collective Worship (CW), as well as Camden SACRE's work and achievements.

(Pages 43 - 62)

Members are invited to reflect on the practices highlighted in Camden SACRE's annual report to the Department for Education. Feedback is

welcomed on how Camden SACRE can further develop its individual and collective practices to support schools in delivering high-quality RE and CW across Camden.

- 11. CAMDEN SACRE PRIORITIES 2024-25** **All Wards**
(Pages 63 - 68)
- Camden SACRE priorities for 2024–25 have been outlined on Appendix 1. Feedback from members is welcomed on ways to support the proposed actions. This document will remain a working draft and can be updated during future meetings.
- 12. SACRE ANNUAL SELF-EVALUATION TOOLKIT** **All Wards**
(Pages 69 - 102)
- Camden SACRE will continue using the self-evaluation toolkit to assess and rate its own practice, identify areas for improvement, and determine the necessary actions for development.
- Feedback is requested from members regarding the questions outlined in Sections 2 and 3 of the self-evaluation toolkit, which is included in the appendix.
- 13. POSSIBLE INTERVENTIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN CAMDEN** (Pages 103 - 112)
- This update asks Camden SACRE to consider the following proposed intervention plans:
- GCSE intervention (verbal update from RE Advisor)
 - Westhill/NASACRE grant application (Appendix 1)
 - Monitoring RE survey for schools (Appendix 2a and 2b)
- Feedback is welcomed from members on how the intervention plans can be implemented if they are agreed.
- 14. DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION (DFE) WORKFORCE DATA FOR CAMDEN SECONDARY SCHOOLS** **All Wards**
(Pages 113 - 116)
- SACRE members are invited to note newly released data from the DfE, which compiles information provided by Camden schools about Religious Education on their timetables, alongside the DfE's records of exam results. Members are encouraged to provide feedback on what this data reveals about Religious Education in Camden's secondary schools.

- 15. CAMDEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) NETWORK MEETINGS UPDATE** **All Wards**
(Pages 117 - 122)
- SACRE members requested that the RE advisor share the content of the termly meetings with Camden Schools. Details of the last two meetings are provided in the appendices.

- 16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

AGENDA ENDS

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, 1 May 2025 at 5.30 pm in Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE.