



## SURREY SACRE MINUTES

### Extraordinary Meeting of the Surrey SACRE

**Date:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April Summer 2024

Time: 4-4.30pm

**Venue** – Virtual Meeting – online only

This meeting was recorded as part of minute taking.

Quorum required – 9 (inc one member from each group)

Members Present – 13 / Officers present – 2 / Clerk -1

**Present:**

**Group A:**

Rosslyn Doney  
 Sarah Harris – Chairman, SACRE  
 Jennie Johnson – Chair Group A  
 Sadia Irfan (new member)  
 Inderjeet Rehncy  
 Rev Allan Taylor (Vice Chair, SACRE)

**Group B:**

Rev Sarah Hutton

**Group C:**

Rashida Nasir  
 Saadia Nawaz  
 Saima Saleh  
 Deborah Jackson  
 Louisa Smith (new member)

**Group D:**

Cllr Robert Hughes

**In Attendance:**

Rachel Boxer, Primary RE Consultant & Adviser to the SACRE  
 Carrie Traill – Head of Education, Surrey County Council (online)  
 Liz Mitchell – Clerk to SACRE (in person)  
 Jane Whittingdale - GDBE School Services Manager managing Zoom tech

No papers for the meeting – email agenda sent to members 05.04.2024 and 18.04.2024			
Item	SACRE Extraordinary business meeting	Actions arising	
No.	Time convened: 4.00pm	By Whom	By When
1.	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Apologies for absence:</b> <b>Group A:</b> Raju Pandya, Patrick Jatumet Thueanmuenwai, Peter Ward <b>Group B:</b> Shaun Burns, Jane Whittington (JW) – Chair Group B <b>Group C:</b> Alex Page <b>Group D:</b> Cllr Jordan Beech, Cllr Buddi Weerasinghe, Cllr Dennis Booth <i>Meeting quorate.</i>	Chair SH &RB Clerk	

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	RB outlined reasons for holding Extraordinary meeting to clarify and ensure from last meeting on 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 voting process followed correctly for:		
	i) Confirmation of new members by SACRE to Groups A, C and D: Group D: Cllr Dennis Booth formally recognised by SACRE from last meeting Group A: Sadia Irfan replacing Kawther Akhtar as Surrey Muslim Association rep Group C: give Lou Smith opportunity to introduce herself as Academies RE rep replacing Gemma Papworth	ALL	24.04.24
	RB invited Lou Smith to introduce herself. LS outlined RE expertise as teacher, host of RE podcast, East Surrey RE hub lead and voted onto Exec of NATRE. Chair formally asked SACRE to accept LS as member to Group C: Proposer - Jennie Johnson Seconder - Saima Saleh Vote carried by SACRE – LS formally recognised by SACRE to Group C.	ALL	24.04.24
	RH expressed delighted to have Dennis Booth as another SCC rep.		
	ii) Group C to formally appoint choice of Chair from within Group	Group C	24.04.24
	iii) Vote on Ahmadiyyah Muslim Community and membership of Group A	ALL	24.04.24
	<b>Action:</b> RB highlighted will be reviewing membership of SACRE and attendance at meetings to ensure SACRE functions	RB	3 July 24
2.	<b>Vote on Ahmadiyyah Muslim Community and membership of Group A</b> <b>Voting Protocols:</b> RB explained way voting works and the voting protocols. Clarified what ‘co-option’ means. Each SACRE group has a single vote: Yes, No or Co-option.  Short discussion by SACRE members and CT on history of the Ahmadiyyah membership proposal to ensure members fully briefed for vote.  16.33pm - each SACRE committee group put in breakout rooms for 10-minute discussion to decide majority decision before formal vote taken as a whole committee  RB and Clerk stepped out of room to leave Chair SH in Group A discussion.  RN and CT put in separate break out rooms.  16:43pm – RB welcomed members back from break out rooms to main meeting.  After reconvening Chair SH asked for each committee Group Chair to cast their majority vote on behalf of their SACRE Committee Group.	RB	24.04.24
	<b>Group A</b> – Group Chair JJ votes ‘Yes’ on behalf of Group A.	SH	24.04.24
	<b>Group B</b> - SHutton votes ‘Yes’ on behalf of Group B.	JJ SHutton	24.04.24 24.04.24
	<b>Group C</b> – SS requested that SS and LS co-Chair Group C which agreed by Chair SH and RB. Group Chairs SS & LS vote ‘Yes’ on behalf of Group C.	SS & LS	24.04.24
	<b>Group D</b> – RH votes ‘Yes’ on behalf of Group D.	RH	24.04.24

3.	Chair SH formally confirmed to CT as SCC officer that the advice of the SACRE in regard to the Ahmaddiyah Muslim Community was to allocate them a place on Group A. Chair SH asked CT to communicate SACRE vote decision to SCC and notify the Ahmadiyyah community of the outcome.	SH	24.04.24
	<b>Action:</b> Following an expected formal instruction from SCC, at the next meeting the SACRE will vote on the proposal for RN to be the Ahmaddiyah member on Group A.	CT	July 24
	Chair SH raised on behalf of SI that schools be made aware and appreciate the diversity that exists within the different community groups of Muslim community & in the membership of SACRE. CT offered to liaise with RB to put suitable comms in Schools Bulletin. RH requested to be copied in DB as SCC councillors. Chair SH requested SI and RN draft wording for Schools Bulletin as a spotlight on the Muslim representation on SACRE RN suggested comms about diversity across all faiths would be beneficial for schools. It was decided that this should be part of a wider communication about diversity / complexity and be an agenda item for the next meeting <b>Action:</b> Agenda item for July meeting – agree comms for School Bulletin	SH/ALL	July 24
<b>Meeting Concluded by Chairman at 4.45pm</b>			
5	<b>Date of Next Meetings:</b> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 3.00-5.00pm at Church House, Guildford		

The meeting closed at 4.50pm

Signature:<sup>i</sup> \_\_Approved by Surrey SACRE Committee\_/ *S.Harris* (Chair)\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_06.11.2024\_\_

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### Summary of actions<sup>iii</sup> N/A

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