



Meeting of the Surrey SACRE

Date: Wednesday 5th November – Autumn Term 2025

Time: 4.00-6.00pm

Venue – Church House Guildford

Hybrid Meeting - this meeting was recorded on Teams with AI transcript as part of minute taking.

Quorum required – 9 (at least 1 from each group). Meeting quorate 4.10pm.

Officers present x4 / Contract Manager x1/Clerk x1 / Members Present 20 – Total 25 (Sarah Harris counts twice as officer & group A member)

Present: x 25

Officers x4 + Clerk & Contract Manager:

Sarah Harris (Chair SHa) - Chair of SACRE

Rachel Boxer (RB) – Adviser to Surrey SACRE/RE Consultant

Matthew Rixson – SCC Asst Director for Educational Access, Quality & Improvement.

Jo Kenyon (JoK) – SCC Service Manager (joined at 4.48pm)

Alex Tear (ATe) – Surrey SACRE Contract Manager (left at 5.04pm)

Clerk: Liz Mitchell (LMi)- Diocesan Administrator & Clerk to SACRE

Group A x7: Jennie Johnson (JJ) - Chair of Group A, Sarah Harris (Chair SHa), Rev Allan Taylor - Vice Chair of SACRE (ATa) , Rosslyn Doney (RD) - left at 4.27pm, Peter Ward (PW), Sadia Irfan (SI), Rashida Nasir (RN)

Group B x4: Jane Whittington – Chair of Group B (JW), Shaun Burns (SB) - online, Rev Sarah Hutton (SHu), Fiona Foreman (FF) - observing

Group C x6: Saima Saleh – Co Chair of Group B (SS), Sadia Nawaz (SN) online – left at 5.50pm, Deborah Jackson (DJ), Emma Johnston (EJ) - online/co-opted member – left at 5.45pm, Naomi Ezzard (NE), Fiona Lewis (FL) online – left at 5.50pm

Group D x3: Cllr Robert Hughes (RH), Cllr Louise Morales (LMo) - observing, Cllr Chris Townsend (CT) – observing online

Item No.	SACRE Business meeting All papers for the meeting are emailed as attachments/links prior to meeting named by item number for ease of reference. Meeting convened at 4.10pm Meeting recorded on Teams for minuting purposes. No objections received from SACRE members.	Actions arising	
		By whom	By when
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions Chair SHa opened the meeting with welcome and thanks for high attendance in person. New members: Chair SHa welcomed new members FF (Group B) and CT and LMo (Group D). Chair SHa clarified new members FF (Group B) and CT and LMo (Group D) are required to observe a meeting before being formally voted in as per the constitution. As observing first meeting unable to vote. FF, CT and LMo to be formally voted in at Spring SACRE meeting 11.03.2026.</p>		
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence Officers: Jo Kenyon advised to arrive late. Matthew Rixson (SCC Asst Director for Educational Access, Quality & Improvement) attended to deputise for Jo K. Group A: Inderjeet Rehncy, Suha Rawhani, Sue Shoveller - apologies given. Raju Pandya and Patrick Thueanmuenwai – no response. Group D: Cllr Buddi Weerasinghe – apologies given. Cllr Saj Hussain – no response.</p> <p>Addressing members absences - Chair SH and RB explained ongoing efforts to ensure robust and committed SACRE membership including: - contacting regular absentees in writing - following constitutional procedures for potential replacement of non-attending members. RB informed action has full support of Jo K and commented good to have full County Councillor representation following JoK's attention to this. RB emphasised the importance of having representation on SACRE from key members highlighted by recent issues encountered relating to Dharmic traditions. Part of challenge has arisen when the representation from members is lacking to bridge between faith communities and SACRE.</p> <p>Action: Chair SH and RB to follow up constitutional procedures of non-attending members.</p>	Chair SHa/RB	Dec 25
3.	<p>Approval of minutes for SACRE meeting 25.06.2025 (paper3): Prior to 05.11.2025 meeting, Clerk circulated 25.06.2025 minutes to SACRE members by email on 30.07.25 and with papers on 23.10.2025.</p>		

	<p>Comment received from LMo by email requesting initials of members to be added to agenda. No other comments received from SACRE members by email.</p> <p>In meeting LMo asked for clarity about the Pentecostal nomination. RB explained seeking a replacement.</p> <p>No other comments received. As meeting quorate Clerk asked for formal approval of minutes – all agreed online and in person. No objections - minutes of last meeting 25.06.2025 formally agreed by SACRE.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to sign off 25.06.2025 minutes electronically and post approved minutes on Diocesan website.</p>	<p>SACRE</p> <p>Clerk</p>	<p>05.11.25</p> <p>Dec 25</p>
4.	<p>Matters Arising from previous SACRE Meeting:</p> <p>Effectiveness of School Communications: RB raised concern that the Surrey Schools Bulletin does not always reach RE subject leaders. Required to use the Schools Bulletin sent out by SCC to all schools but challenge of how to get it to the right people. RB taken action to address this by specifying intended recipients in communications sent from Diocese to schools via the Bulletin to ensure information gets passed on to: RE leads in Primary schools/ RE heads in Secondary schools.</p> <p><i>4.15pm moved to section 5 on agenda until JoK arrived at 4.48pm – apologised for being late to meeting. JoK reported back on matters arising from last meeting:</i></p> <p>JoK commented on matters arising following last meeting:</p> <p>Annual Return and Data Collection: JoK discussed plan to collect information directly from schools via a separate survey to Annual Return, allowing for more targeted questions and better alignment with syllabus review cycles. Could include CAR survey.</p> <p>SCC Education Services Hub – JoK identified SCC contact Neil Slack in Education Services Hub to assist RB to move information over to SES Hub. RB suggested so as not to confuse schools and get better engagement make decision when to move information over to align it with when review and revise syllabus.</p> <p>Breakdown of Christian denominations data - JoK making progress on this. Spoken to SCC Information Governance Board as to what data is being tracked and held including for independent schools.</p> <p>RE information gathered from Ofsted and School Improvement visits - looking to do work with SAfE on reporting back information gathered. MR commented with new Ofsted framework unlikely any subject will be named in a report unless foundational. Looking more at impact of curriculum. SS supported this with evidence from recent Ofsted inspection to her school.</p> <p>LA reps on SACRE – JoK confirmed resolved LA membership on SACRE with appointment of five county councillors from Sept 2025.</p> <p>Partnering visit opportunities: will be captured as part of SACRE sub-committee work</p>		
5.	<p>Membership Updates:</p> <p>Voting in new members from Summer SACRE - Chair SHa asked to formally vote in SR (Group A), FL and NE (Group C) who joined in June 2025 and observed summer SACRE meeting 25.06.2025.</p> <p>Group A: SACRE formally voted in SR in absence - no objections raised. Proposed by JJ, seconded by DJ.</p> <p>Group C: SACRE formally voted in NE and FL - no objections raised. Proposed by SI, seconded by JWT and PW.</p> <p>3 new members: Fiona F (Group B), Chris T and Louise M (Group D) observing Autumn meeting. Saj H absent - to observe Spring meeting.</p> <p>Action: at Spring SACRE meeting SACRE to vote on membership of new SACRE members – Fiona F (Group B), Chris T and Louise M (Group D)</p> <p>Confirmation of Group Chairs: Chair SHa and RB highlighted the need to confirm Group Chairs. Outlined the responsibilities of Group Chairs in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - formal voting procedures to coordinate discussions and ensure done robustly. - to support new members. 	<p>SACRE</p> <p>SACRE</p> <p>SACRE</p>	<p>05.11.25</p> <p>05.11.25</p> <p>11.03.26</p>

	<p>Group Chairs (2 year term) agreed by the SACRE in the meeting (no formal vote required) as: Group A – Jennie J Group B – Jane WT Group C – Saima Saleh agreed to continue as a Co-Chair. Deborah J agreed to Co-Chair Group C replacing Louisa Smith who resigned last year. Group D – Bob Hughes agreed to Chair Group D as previous Chair Jordan Beech no longer on SACRE.</p> <p>Faith Representation and Nominations: RB outlined the need to fill vacancies for Quaker and Pentecostal representatives. Rev AT offered contacts and potential nominations. To ensure nominating bodies are satisfied with their representation. Action: Rev AT to email Quaker and Pentecostal nominations to Clerk to pass onto RB</p> <p>Resignations: Chair SHa informed SACRE of decision by Rosslyn D to resign after 15 years on Surrey SACRE. Chair SHa and RB formally commended Rosslyn’s commitment, lasting contribution to the SACRE and wished her well. RB commented Rosslyn’s legacy will be retained in the resources she has helped develop online. RB identified vacancy now created for Baptist representative. Action: RB to approach Free Churches network to find nomination for a Baptist replacement.</p> <p>Rosslyn commented “<i>it’s encouraging to see the number of people who are involved in SACRE now and gives hope for RE in Surrey however that may be in the future</i>”.</p> <p><i>Rosslyn D left meeting at 16.27pm – a round of applause given as left.</i></p> <p>New Member Induction Process and Surrey SACRE member training: RB highlighted as part of the SDP review (item 9) recognised SACRE not done any training as a group for some time. New members have had access to online resources as part of induction process. Suggestion made to address this with a group session at the next Spring SACRE meeting dedicated to outlining why we’re here, what we do, roles play and how these work in wider work, and as part of a faith/belief community/school/county councillor.</p> <p>Action: Chair SHa and RB to draft agenda item for group training session at Spring SACRE meeting. Action: Clerk to draft MS Form to gather SACRE member contact details and training needs. Action: Clerk to update SACRE membership records.</p>	<p>ATa</p> <p>RB</p> <p>Chair SHa/RB Clerk Clerk</p>	<p>Nov 25</p> <p>Mar 26</p> <p>Mar 26 Nov 25 ongoing</p>
6.	<p>National Updates: RE Hubs Platform Overview - RB showed SACRE members on screen the RE Hubs website which is a national initiative as RE ‘one stop shop’ resource/database. Highlighted a wealth of useful training and resources which SACRE members can access. RB encouraged SACRE members involved with interfaith work either as a speaker in Speakers Forum or in putting together resources to register as a school speaker. On completion of a short free training session become ‘accredited’. Name is stored on RE Hub giving schools opportunity to find local contacts and make connections in relation to RE training, school speakers, visiting places of worship or offer of online resources which is encouraged in the syllabus. RB encouraged members particularly in Group A regularly involved in schools or would like to be to register. Highlighted can also register a place of worship eg. happy to host school visits. Action: RB to send information about RE Hubs to Clerk to send out to SACRE members</p> <p>National Curriculum and Assessment Review (CAR) for Religious Education - Chair SHa invited PW to comment on CAR which was published prior to meeting on 05.11.2025. PW provided a comprehensive briefing on the recent Curriculum and Assessment Review, its recommendations for Religious Education, and implications for SACRE with further discussion and questions from SACRE.</p> <p>Historical Context and Legal Framework - PW outlined the history of RE in England:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RE given statutory status and made compulsory subject in 1944 as a local subject. - Government introduced National Curriculum in 1988 Education Act but RE not included. - SACREs became optional in 1944 and statutory in 1988 with duty to be responsible for RE taking place in schools funded by Local Authorities (LA) apart from independent schools. 	RB	Dec 25

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - with changes over time and introduction of academies currently SACRE responsible for RE that takes place in LA schools that are not schools with a religious character. - effect over last 30 years is RE has significantly fallen off the ‘agenda in schools and state of RE teaching is generally poor. PW quoted from data as evidence. - various attempts to rectify by coordinating body the Religious Education Council. - CAR commissioned in 2025 and included subjects outside National Curriculum like RE. <p>Key Recommendations of the CAR - PW highlighted the review recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RE should become part of the national curriculum. - CAR acknowledges significant statutory and other problems inc political control of RE content. - the need for objective, critical, and pluralistic teaching to comply with law/ECHR (European Convention of Human Rights). - setting up a working and finishing party reporting by March 2026 under Chairmanship of Vanessa Ogden (led Commission of RE in 2016-18 and RE section of the CAR). <p>PW outlined difficulty of RE being incorporated into the National Curriculum due to complexities eg. nature of different teaching entitlement such as Catholic, CofE etc. However, with poor state of RE nationally in schools National and Catholic Education Societies want to look at what can be done.</p> <p>PW invited questions/comments - SACRE raised questions and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - scrapping of EBAC which CofE welcomes as didn’t include RE. - implications for schools and availability of teaching resources. - impact on academies and faith schools. - implications for parental withdrawal rights. The new framework may remove the right to withdraw if RE becomes part of the national curriculum. - implications for exam boards and their response to changes in how set exam units. - Clarification that national curriculum includes all state and academy not private schools. - differences between RE curriculum and legislation in England and Wales. - how very diverse RE community of which SACREs are a part mobilises around this issue if RE should be a national subject and what it looks like from a worldviews approach. - definition of RE subject might not be in content but in having a common standard. <p>Concerns About Local Determination – SB thanked PW for detailed and useful CAR feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expressed concern of simplistic approach by government to get RE into the national curriculum, and who has control of the RE subject particularly with changes in government. - advocated a consensus of principles in the standards while preserving local determination to future proof and protect RE as a subject. - emphasised the importance of maintaining faith communities owning RE as a subject and then being able to resource and support it. <p>Consultation and Next Steps - SACRE members recognised and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vital Surrey SACRE has a ‘voice’ and has time to respond. - need for SACRE to prepare a response. - likely to have a short consultation window when arises. - aim for Surrey SACRE to send response by end January 2026 to Vanessa Ogden who will report back in March 2026 and start of possible statutory 6 week consultation. <p>Chair SHa suggested establishment of a nominated group involving as many faith groups as possible to look at parameters to draft response and report back to larger Surrey SACRE meeting mid January 2026.</p> <p>PW advised Vanessa Ogden appearing and reporting at regional meeting of RE Council 06.11.2025.</p> <p>Action: Set up a group to prepare response to the government consultation on the Curriculum and Assessment Review on behalf of Surrey SACRE. To convene at Extraordinary meeting 14 Jan 26.</p> <p><i>Jo Kenyon joined meeting in person at 4.48pm / Alex T left meeting at 5.04pm</i></p>	Chair SHa/RB	Jan 26
7.	<p>Local Updates:</p> <p>Local Government Reorganisation - JoK updated the group on the recent government decision for Surrey to become two unitary authorities as East and West Surrey. SACRE reviewed the decision to move to two unitary authorities and the need to align SACRE's work with the new structure.</p>		

<p>Syllabus Review Strategy: Advice was shared to consider renewing the existing syllabus rather than a full revision until the new authorities are established, referencing the model used in Cumbria and the need for flexibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JoK took forward NASACE communication received 20.10.2025 - RB showed on screen to SACRE. NASACE advised to work with the LA and for those with syllabuses due for review to set up a syllabus conference to renew existing syllabus rather than do full scale revision until new authority in existence. - Unsure how SACRE structure will be and how will affect syllabus but likely to be 2 SACREs under East and West unitary authorities. Models developed in other parts of country to use. - RB commented invested in a single syllabus. PW commented this is unusual. <p>Collaboration with Local Authorities: SACRE agreed on the importance of early and informed collaboration with local authority transformation teams, ensuring SACRE's expertise is considered in statutory arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JoK assured anything with a statutory responsibility will have higher priority and will work closely together with SACRE encouraging members to fully engage with the process. - Chair SHA asked what opportunity for SACRE to feed into the discussions. JoK informed has made contact with SCC Transformation team and envisages will work collaboratively with SACRE using members expertise and knowledge to get best outcome. - SB asked for reassurance Surrey will speak to Surrey SACRE leads before making any decisions. JoK assured will be expecting collaboration and recommending. - MR commented huge piece of work being undertaken across SCC with a lot of unknowns as well as in terms of what will happen to the curriculum under the CAR. Assured SACRE has been noted as a strategic priority by its nature. <p>Potential for a Single SACRE: SACRE discussed the possibility of a single SACRE serving both new unitary authorities, highlighting the need for proper representation and referencing the Cumbrian model as a potential template.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CT proposed a single SACRE across the 2 unitary authorities would be preferable and in best interests of the schools and SACRE to avoid duplication. Would need proper representation from various bodies on both sides which recognise might be difficult. Advised shadowing Cumbria as a model – connection with lead at Surrey. RH commented adviser to the Surrey Councils was CEO at Cumbria at time of LGR. RH chairs The committee which scrutinises the Transformation team. - LMo questioned if SACREs covered in the Statutory Instruments going through Parliament March 2026 regarding legal responsibilities in the two unitary authorities. <p>Action: To investigate legal framework and statutory instruments regarding SACRE arrangements in other unitary authorities, particularly Cumbria, to inform future Surrey SACRE structure and collaboration.</p> <p>Action: RH to approach Surrey lead from Cumbria to speak at Spring SACRE meeting.</p> <p>Action: To identify and establish contact with appropriate person or team in the local authority transformation process to ensure SACRE consulted and involved in decisions affecting RE.</p> <p>Focus on Community Cohesion – supporting schools: RB led focus for schools facing challenges in teaching RE particularly in the context of current world events. SACRE discussed the need and how to support schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in addressing sensitive topics such as the Middle East situation. - the importance of distinguishing between religious and political issues in teaching. - understand number of schools asking for help, trends and how pitch comms. Explore tension between political impartiality and need to teach RE. - consider as a SACRE the advice can give/draft appropriate comms for School Bulletin or Surrey Education Hub. Share work done by Diocese in this area. <p>Action: to share resources and signpost schools to agreed materials with the Surrey Schools Bulletin identified as the main vehicle for disseminating support and guidance.</p> <p>Action: shape communication re community cohesion guidance for Schools Bulletin if required.</p> <p><i>CT left meeting online at 5.30pm</i></p>	<p>CT</p> <p>RH</p> <p>JoK</p> <p>SS/RB</p> <p>RB/JK</p>	<p>Mar 26</p> <p>Mar 26</p> <p>Mar 26</p> <p>Mar 26</p> <p>Mar 26</p>
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8.	<p>Group C Focus: the difference RE makes in schools RB invited teachers in Group C to present on the difference RE makes in their school communities, and the impacts and challenges of using the newly agreed syllabus.</p> <p>Teacher Presentations on the Impact of RE Syllabus: Saadia Nawaz, Fiona Lewis, Deborah Jackson, Naomi Ezzard and Saima Saleh presented on the impact of the RE syllabus in their schools, sharing examples from both primary and secondary settings.</p> <p>Primary School Perspectives - SN described how RE lessons foster respect, inclusivity, and critical thinking among pupils. Gave examples from children and teachers comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - engaging with diverse faiths. - RE makes them feel a 'better person'. - inspires understanding how different people view the world and encourages respect. - RE helps community connect with Christian foundation of school and links to British values. - gives children and teachers a 'safe space' to ask questions about God and what is going on in the world. <p>DJ explained following the Surrey Syllabus is 'like a breath of fresh air' giving opportunities for breadth and depth in material provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - allows for diversity of knowledge and understanding of other beliefs and views. - children respect and support each other. - RE is part of the curriculum enabling regular conversations and grow skills for life beyond. <p>NE echoed DJ's presentation;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RE gives space to explore faith and belief systems. Children are surprised by number of similarities as well as the differences across faith and belief systems. - RE brings connection rather than what is different. Shows don't have to go to a place of worship to have a faith system. - quieter children can be brought out of themselves in RE. <p>Diversity and Anti-Racism - SS showed children's workbooks and discussed impact through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the inclusion of anti-racist units in the syllabus. - making connections and links within other world views. - the use of 'knowledge organisers'. - the positive impact on pupils' understanding of vocabulary, faith, and respectful engagement. <p>Secondary School Challenges - FL highlighted challenges in secondary academy school where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - school doesn't follow agreed syllabus. School made curriculum decisions making RE an option and no longer a GCSE short course that all pupils take. Lack of accountability to legal requirement. - RE is not compulsory beyond Year 9 when meaningful experience ends. Difficult for them to relate to importance of RE and to take it as an exam subject. - need for greater consistency and statutory requirements. Welcomes CAR recommendations. <p>Practical Activities and Community Links: Teachers shared examples of school visits to places of worship, interactive activities and the celebration of festivals all contributing to pupils' broader understanding and appreciation of diversity.</p> <p>Chair SH and RB thanked teachers for their presentations recognising how useful and good it is for SACRE to hear the reality of what happening in schools.</p> <p>Action: RB to collate presentations to send out with minutes after meeting.</p> <p><i>EJ left meeting online at 5.45pm / FL and SN left meeting online at 5.50pm</i></p>	RB/Clerk	Dec 25
9.	<p>SACRE Development Plan (SDP) Paper 9: Development Plan Review - PW summarised recent changes made to the SACRE SDP following sub-committee review meeting with JoK 24th October 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - inclusion of Curriculum and Assessment Review (CAR) - inclusion of website transition to SCC. - proposed a two-year plan in light of local government reorganisation (LGR) . Outlined the process for further review and approval. further details to be finalised in upcoming meetings. 		

	<p>PW made notes of changes on current SDP – asked Clerk to format, check with PW and send out with minutes. RB suggested to reconvene SDP sub-committee when time scale clearer. LMo commented about that LGR may be over by DfE Government legislation.</p> <p>Action: circulate PW notes re SDP updates and updated SDP to all SACRE members for review and feedback at the Extraordinary SACRE meeting Jan 2026.</p> <p>Action: bring SDP to Extraordinary SACRE meeting 14 Jan 2026 for discussion/agree updates.</p>	<p>PW/ Clerk Chair SHa/RB</p>	<p>Dec 25</p> <p>Jan 26</p>
10.	<p>Self-Evaluation Tool</p> <p>Chair SHa proposed to combine a meeting to discuss self-evaluation with a social gathering inviting SACRE members to bring dishes from their religious traditions - details to be confirmed. All SACRE members agreed idea.</p> <p>Action: Chair SHa and RB to meet to look at organising social and how to formulate CAR response. <i>Post meeting Extraordinary meeting with social convened for 14th January 2026.</i></p> <p>Action: Clerk to send MS form/collate members responses to confirm social meeting dates. <i>Post meeting Extraordinary meeting with social convened for 14th January 2026.</i></p>	<p>RB/Chair SHa Clerk</p>	<p>Nov 25</p> <p>Nov 25</p>
11.	<p>AOB/ Close:</p> <p>Next Scheduled Meeting Dates:</p> <p>Extraordinary meeting with Social convened for Wednesday 14th January 2026 post meeting.</p> <p>Action: Clerk sent calendar invite/information to SACRE members for Extraordinary meeting with Social on 14.01.2026.</p> <p>Spring SACRE meeting – Wednesday 11th March 2026</p> <p>Summer SACRE meeting Wednesday 1st July 2026</p> <p>Action: Clerk to send out calendar invites for Spring and Summer SACRE meetings.</p> <p>Chair SHa informed an open evenings at Synagogue which SACRE members welcome to attend.</p> <p>Action: interested members to respond individually to Chair SHa to the Open evening invitation.</p> <p>NASACRE Training and Support: Clerk reminded SACRE members of NASACRE login details and highlighted free training opportunities particularly for new SACRE members.</p> <p>RB informed of request from Priors Field for visiting speaker for Inter Faith day.</p> <p>Action: RB/Clerk to send information to Group A and B re Faith Day at Priors Field school.</p> <p>Discussion regarding non-faith SACRE members following question raised by LMo.</p> <p>No other business raised – meeting closed at 6.12pm.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>All/Chair SHa</p> <p>RB/Clerk</p>	<p>Dec 25</p> <p>Dec 25</p> <p>Nov 25</p> <p>Nov 25</p>

The meeting closed at 6.12pm

Signature: _____ Approved by Surrey SACRE Committee / *S Harris* (Chair) _____ Date: __11.03.2026__

Minutes to be circulated to: SACRE Committee, Local Authority SACRE Officers, Diocese and being also published in the public domain via cofeguildford.org.uk

Summary of Actions at 05.11.2025: **Action** to complete / **Action** - completed

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7.	Local updates: Action: To investigate legal framework and statutory instruments regarding SACRE arrangements in other unitary authorities, particularly Cumbria, to inform future Surrey SACRE structure and collaboration. Action: RH to approach Surrey lead from Cumbria to speak at Spring SACRE meeting. Action: To identify and establish contact with appropriate person or team in the local authority transformation process to ensure SACRE consulted and involved in decisions affecting RE. Action: to share resources and signpost schools to agreed materials with the Surrey. Action: shape communication re community cohesion guidance for Schools Bulletin if required. Action: Identify partnering visit opportunities and establish sub-committee to action this at Extraordinary meeting 14 Jan 26 (previous action from Summer SACRE 2025)	CT RH JoK SS/RB RB/JoK RB	Mar 26 Mar 26 Mar 26 Mar 26 Mar 26 Jan 26
8.	Group C Focus: the difference RE makes in schools Action: RB to collate teacher presentations to send out with minutes of Autumn SACRE meeting.	RB/Clerk	Dec 25
9.	Surrey SACRE Development Plan: Action: circulate PW notes re SDP updates and updated SDP to all SACRE members for review and feedback at the Extraordinary SACRE meeting Jan 2026. Action: bring SDP to Extraordinary SACRE meeting Jan 2026 for discussion agree updates. Action: RB to liaise with SCC in regard to developing secondary phase RE support: submit proposal containing costs submitted to JK and to SCC contract management team (previous action from Summer SACRE).	PW/ Clerk Chair SHa/RB RB/JK/ATear	Dec 25 Mar 26 Sept 25 & Nov 25
10.	Surrey SACRE Self-Evaluation Tool: Action: Chair SHa and RB to meet to look at organising social and how to formulate CAR response. <i>Post meeting extraordinary/social date convened for 14th January 2026</i> Action: Clerk to send MS form/collate SACRE responses to confirm Extraordinary meeting with social date. <i>Post meeting date convened for 14th January 2026.</i>	RB/ChairSha Clerk	Nov 25 Nov 25
11.	Action: Clerk to send out calendar invites for Spring and Summer SACRE meetings. Action: members to respond individually to Chair SHa re Synagogue open evenings. Action: RB/Clerk to send information to Group A and B re Priors Field school Faith Day.	Clerk SACRE/Chair RB/Clerk	Dec 25 Nov 25 Nov 25

Initials: Chair SH – Sarah Harris / RB – Rachel Boxer / Clerk – Liz Mitchell / ATa – Rev Allan Taylor / CT – Chris Townsend / RH – Robert Hughes / JoK – Jo Kenyon / SS – Saima Saleh / PW – Peter Ward