

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
MONDAY, 21 MARCH 2022**

PRESENT –

Martin Stand (Group B Church of England), Helen Ellis (Group A The Roman Catholic Church), Meg Thomson (Group A Darlington United Reformed Church), Dr Kumari (Group A Hinduism), Emma Walden (Group A Methodist Circuit), Rev Paul Baker (Group B Church of England), Councillor C L B Hughes, Councillor Crudass, Councillor Curry, Councillor Renton and Fiona Rankin (Group C The National Association of School Teacher/Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT))

Co-opted Members – Jan Mole (Co-opted Member of SACRE)

Officers – Allison Hill (Democratic Officer) and Anne Davison (SEND Inclusion Advisor)

APOLOGIES – Jenny Uzzell (Group A Paganism), M Calderon (Group A The Religious Society of Friends), Gen Chogma (Group A Buddhism), Stuart Rawle (Group C National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)) and M Fryer (Co-opted Member of SACRE)

117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

118 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SACRE HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 2021

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the Meeting of this SACRE held on 22 November 2021.

IT WAS AGREED – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

119 APPOINTMENT TO VACANT POSITIONS

The Group Director of Operations submitted a report (previously circulated) to advise Members of the appointments of a representative of Buddhism and the Darlington Methodist Church.

These appointments were sought following the recent resignations of Kelsang Dragden as the representative of Buddhism and Morvyn Sanderson as the representative of the Darlington Methodist Church.

It was reported that all reasonable steps had been taken to assure the local authority that the new representatives namely Gen Chogma and Emma Walden were appropriate representatives to fill the vacant positions.

IT WAS AGREED – That Members note the appointment of :

- (a) Gen Chogma as the named representative for Buddhism and that membership be for

a period of four years; and

(b) Emma Walden as the named representative of the Darlington Methodist Church and that membership be for a period of four years.

120 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

IT WAS AGREED – That the next meeting be held on Monday 11 July 2022 commencing at 4.00 p.m

121 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members of this SACRE discussed their concerns regarding the quorum issues of this SACRE and requested that all Members be reminded of the importance of attendance and to let the Clerk know if they are unable to attend so that any quorum issues can be addressed prior to the meeting.