# Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) Agenda

4.00 pm Tuesday, 19 March 2019 Committee Room No. 1, Town Hall, Darlington. DL1 5QT

# Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.

- 1. Attendance at Meeting.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.
- 3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of SACRE held on 12 November 2018 (Pages 1 2)
- Appointment to Vacant Position Report of the Managing Director (Pages 3 - 4)
- Durham Big Spring Clean 2019 –
   Verbal report of the Head of 16-19 Learning and Skills (Pages 5 - 18)
- Holocaust Ceremony 2019 –
   Verbal update of the Head of 16-19 Learning and Skills (Pages 19 - 20)
- Ofsted Inspection Framework Consultation –
   Verbal update by the Head of 16-19 Learning and Skills
- Visits to Schools by RE Groups Report of the Managing Director (Pages 21 - 22)

- 9. Supplementary Items(s) (if any) which in the opinion of the Chair of this Committee are of an urgent nature and can be discussed at this meeting.
- 10. Questions.

Paul Wildsmith
Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources

Wednesday, 13 March 2019

Town Hall, Darlington.

# Membership

Councillor Curry, Group D Council Member

Councillor Galletley, Group D Council Member

Councillor C L B Hughes, Group D Council Member

Councillor C Taylor, Group D Council Member

K Dragden, Group A Buddhism

Dr MA Quader, Group A The Islamic Society of Darlington

H Ellis, Group A The Roman Catholic Church

Rev D Gibson, Group A The Assembly of God

M Calderon, Group A The Religious Society of Friends

C Reeves, Group A The Baptish Church

M Sanderson, Group A The Methodist Church

B Singh, Group A Sikhism

Robertson, Group A Darlington Hebrew Congregation (Judaism)

Dr I Thakur, Group A Hinduism

Meg Thomson, Group A Darlington United Reformed Church

Rev Peter Baker, Group B Church of England

B Miller, Group B Church of England

M Stand, Group B Church of England

J Uzzell, Group C The National Association of School Teacher/Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)

N Blackburn, Group C The National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)

Fiona Rankin, Group C The National Union of Teachers (NUT)

### **Co-opted Members:**

M Fryer, Co-opted Member of SACRE

R Choudhury, Co-opted Member of SACRE

Stuart Rawle, Co-opted Member of SACRE

Cossins, Co-opted Member of SACRE

P Andre, Co-opted Member of SACRE

If you need this information in a different language or format or you have any other queries on this agenda please contact Allison Hill, Democratic Officer, Resources Group, during normal office hours 8.30 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays and 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. Fridays email: Allison.hill@darlington.gov.uk or Tel 01325 405997



# STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) COMMITTEE ROOM NO 1 TOWN HALL DARLINGTON DL1 5QT MONDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2018

### PRESENT -

Councillor Galletley (Group D Council Member), Councillor C L B Hughes (Group D Council Member), Councillor C Taylor (Group D Council Member), K Dragden (Group A Buddhism), H Ellis (Group A The Roman Catholic Church), M Sanderson (Group A The Methodist Church), B Miller (Group B Church of England), M Stand (Group B Church of England), J Uzzell (Group C The National Association of School Teacher/Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)), Fiona Rankin (Group C The National Union of Teachers (NUT)) and M Fryer (Co-opted Member of SACRE)

**Co-opted Members –** M Fryer (Co-opted Member of SACRE)

**Officers –** Paul Richardson (Head of 16-19 Learning and Skills) (Lead Officer) and Allison Hill (Democratic Officer)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillor Curry (Group D Council Member), M Calderon (Group A The Religious Society of Friends), Rev Peter Baker (Group B Church of England), Councillor Cossins (Co-opted Member of SACRE) and P Andre (Co-opted Member of SACRE)

# 69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

# 70 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SACRE HELD ON 26 MARCH 2018.

Submitted – the Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this SACRE held on 26 March 2018.

# 71 COMMISSION ON RE (CORE) REPORT - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ALL - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chair and the Head of 16-19 Learning and Skills gave a verbal update on the final report published by the Commission on Religious Education (CoRE) in September 2018 entitled 'Religious Education for All'.

It was reported that the final report was published after listening to evidence from a wide-range of concerned parties including pupils, teachers, lecturers, advisers, parents and faith and belief communities with a view to rejuvenating religious education to continue its important contribution. The final report of CoRE proposes that a new National Plan for RE is enacted to ensure that learning in this area remains academically rigorous and knowledge rich.

The Head of 16-19 Learning and Skills advised Members that this was an independent report and there was no obligation currently for SACRE Members to respond to the report or to make any changes to their statutory obligations as a SACRE.

Members discussed the initial recommendations within the report alongside the range

of issues that the CoRE were seeking to consult further on before drawing their conclusions.

Members discussed in particular the recommendations to renew and expand the role of SACRE's; how the academisation of many schools within the borough has reduced the contact with SACRE and the ability for SACRES's to support all schools in the area; the composition of SACRES; the statutory requirements of SACRE's; and how this SACRE can provide information and resources and provide advice to schools and RE leads on matters of religion and belief in schools.

**IT WAS AGREED** – (a) That the final report and recommendations of the Commission for Religious Education be noted.

(b) That all RE Leads within the borough's schools be contacted with the offer of sharing resources and knowledge across all schools and to circulate any information or events among RE Leads to strengthen the role of this SACRE.

# 72 APPOINTMENT TO VACANT POSITIONS AND NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATIONS

The Managing Director submitted a report (previously circulated) to advise Members of the appointment of Helen Ellis as the representative for the Catholic Church and Bess Robertson, Chair of the Darlington Hebrew Congregation Reform Synagogue as the Jewish Community representative; and Bhopinder Singh to represent Sikhism.

The submitted report also reported on the resignation of the Mike Shorten as the representative for the Association of School and College Leaders which remains vacant.

The Democratic Officer advised Members that all reasonable steps had been undertaken to assure SACRE Members that the above persons were appropriate representatives of the religion in questions; and with regard to the other vacant positions continues to contact the relevant organisations to seek nominations.

**IT WAS AGREED –** That the appointments to the Catholic Church, the Jewish Community and the Sikh Temple; and the resignation of Mike Shorten be noted

# 73 RECRUITMENT DRIVE - DISCUSSION ITEM.

That Members continue to seek to fill the vacant positions on this SACRE.

IT WAS AGREED – That the current membership be noted

# 74 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

IT WAS AGREED – That the next meeting of this SACRE be held on Tuesday 19 March 2019 commencing at 4.00 pm.

# STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 19 MARCH 2019

ITEM NO.

# MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) – APPOINTMENT TO VACANT POSITION

## **Matter for Consideration**

1. To advise Members of the appointment of a representative for the United Reformed Church (Group A).

# **Vacant positions on SACRE**

- 2. There are currently a number of vacant positions in Group A Representatives of the Other Religious Faiths.
- 3. A Nomination has been received from the United Reformed Church to fill the current vacancy since the resignation of Dr. P Murray in 2012.
- 4. The local authority has taken all reasonable steps to assure themselves that Meg Thomson is representative of the religion.

### Recommendation

5. Members are requested to note the appointment of Meg Thomson as the named representative for the United Reformed Church and that membership be for a period of four years.

# Paul Wildsmith Managing Director

### **Background Papers**

No Background papers were used in the compilation of this report.

Allison Hill: Extension 5997











# LitterFree Durham's Big Spring Clean

19th February – 9th April 2019

# **Feedback Form**

Litter picking Group Name		
Location of Litter pick		
Number of Litter Pickers attending event		
Number of bags Collected		
Would you be interested in taking part in another litter pick in the future?		
Would you be interested in joining LitterFree Durham to help organise another Big Spring Clean?		
Would you be interested in joining a litter picking group in your local area?		
Data Protection (GDPR): The Council has a record of your name and associated data, the data is used for the sole purpose of contacting you to inform you of events. Please tick the box that you are willing for Darlington Borough Council to hold and use your data for the intended purpose. Please go to the Council's website for more details on Privacy Notice: <a href="https://www.darlington.gov.uk">www.darlington.gov.uk</a>		

We are very keen to promote the work you and your litter picking volunteers have carried out. You may wish to share success stories and photos with local press and we encourage you to do so. Alternatively, we will try to do it on your behalf. Please send them along with this form to:

litterfreedurham@darlington.gov.uk















# Information for Volunteers Organising a Litter Pick

# **Introduction**

The Big Spring Clean gives communities the opportunity to work in partnership with Darlington Borough Council to help improve and make a difference to where they live.

Previous Big Spring Clean campaigns have been particularly successful with thousands of bags of litter collected by hundreds of local volunteers. A true testament to what can be achieved by working together.

Whilst the Council tries to keep its own land free of litter, there will always be an area where litter accumulates faster than expected or that are privately owned and that is why we are eager to work alongside local communities on this campaign. Past campaigns have been very popular and demand for both litter picking equipment and Street Scene / Greener Communities involvement has always been high, which means we are not able to attend all litter picks. Despite this, Street Scene / Greener Communities will always endeavor to support your litter pick and we ask that you contact us as soon as possible so that you can be booked in and equipment allocated.

Many voluntary groups are capable of managing and delivering their own litter picks and again, we will be here to help you achieve that. These guidelines are specifically for you to help you think about what organising and carrying out a litter pick entails and the responsibilities you need to think about and put into place to help maintain the health and safety of volunteers, residents and the wider community.

Organisers should be aware that they owe a duty of care to volunteers, staff and members of the public. As an organiser of an event, you have a duty to ensure that all taking part are kept as safe as possible and that Health and Safety is properly considered to protect all from risk, harm, loss and damage.

Activity	Responsibility	
Pre litter pick		
Choose Location, Date and Time  Site Location, Parking,	Co-ordinator  Co-ordinator	It is important to choose the location of your litter pick carefully. As well as making sure the area has a litter problem, it is also essential that you know who owns the land you wish to pick on. If it is Darlington Borough Council or Parish council land, gaining permission should be fairly straight forward, but if it is private land you will have to locate the landlord to make sure the litter pick can go ahead.  As organiser you will also need to think about the best time for your litter pick. Morning, afternoon, weekday or weekend will all affect who can come along to the event.  Try and pick a place which is safe to park and is
Disabled Access and Meeting Place		easily accessible.
Carry out site survey	Co-ordinator DBC Greener Communities Officer	It is always advisable to take a look at the area to be litter picked before the event takes place. This will give an idea of any potential hazards and whether or not some areas are entirely unsuitable for litter picking. The form on (pages 9-11) will help you to consider the main hazards that each site might present as well as providing suggestions of measures that could be put in place to protect participants and the public from those risks.  In some circumstances it would be advisable that only the local authority remove the litter, for example in the case of fly-tips or drug paraphernalia. If any of these items are discovered please contact the number for each Street Scene area (page 8). It is advisable that if these items are found, you should reassess whether the area is still suitable for a litter pick.
Get help from local volunteers	Co-ordinator	Contact all those in your community who may be able to help. Useful groups to contact include schools, colleges, community groups, resident associations, Neighbourhood Watch and "In Bloom" groups.
Advertise	Co-ordinator	It is important that the litter pick is well advertised, so designing and displaying posters may be useful to inform residents of the litter pick. Also use local newsletters, websites and notice boards to bring the litter pick to public notice.  Stay in touch with the volunteers to update them on progress, including what they need (if anything) to bring with them. Also remember to keep in touch with the Street Scene and/or Greener Communities teams.

Insurance	Co-ordinator DBC Greener Communities Officer Parish Councils Community Groups Schools	Litter pickers taking part in an event that is not directly supervised by a Council member of staff are not working for, or on behalf of, Darlington Borough Council, and therefore are not covered by the Council's insurance.  Obtaining public liability insurance is very important and strongly recommended. This will provide cover for your legal liability arising from accidental damage or injury that may occur during the event, including damage or injury to a member of the public or their property.  If you are an individual organising a tidy up, your current household insurance may cover you for public liability. You <b>must</b> check your policy to ensure you are covered. If not, you will need to take out a separate public liability insurance.  If you do not have or want to use your own private insurance, contact an organisation such as a local parish council, school or community partnership as it is possible that they may already have insurance in place. It is important to check that the litter picking activity is covered under such insurance. If not, a suitable extension should be made to the policy. If
		you are unable to obtain public liability Insurance for your event please contact Darlington Borough Council's Waste & Recycling Service Development Officer for further guidance.
Funding	Co-ordinator	As Darlington Borough Council and LitterFree Durham both have equipment for litter picking activities and can help with the collection and disposal of the waste, the amount of funding you need should be small. If however, you feel there is a need to look for further long term funding then the Greener Communities team may be able to assist in directing you to appropriate funders.
Equipment	Co-ordinator Greener Communities	Darlington Borough Council can usually help with litter picking equipment on a first come first served basis. It includes:  • Litter pickers  • Bags for litter and recycling  • High visibility jackets  • Litter bag hoops for holding the rubbish bags Gloves for protection only. Heavy and unmovable items should be reported to DBC for correct disposal and never lifted by hand.

Page 9 3

Litter pick Activity			
Signing in and Mobile Numbers	Co-ordinator	Make sure everyone has signed an attendance list and that mobile telephone numbers are exchanged. This will ensure that everyone is contactable if the need arises for example, informing the co-ordinator if a volunteer has to leave early.  A copy of an Attendance Sheet is provided on (page 6) of this pack.	
Health and Safety talk to all taking part to include: Start time; end time; meeting up at end; Leaving early; Adult to child ratio; Black sacks and heaviness; Lone working; Hazardous waste	Co-ordinator Co-ordinator	Carry out a safety talk to all taking part.  During this you should briefly explain all the hazard you identified on your site inspection and the measures you have put in place to protect the participants from them. You should also explain that some substances such as needles and dog faeces should never be touched.  Ask everyone taking part to make a note of the location of any hazardous materials so that the location of any hazardous materials so that the location that the location authority can be notified and arrangements made to have them safely removed. Again, it is advisable that if these items are found you reassess whether the area is still suitable for a litter pick.  Rubbish sacks can become heavy and if they become difficult to move they should be tied secure and left in an area to be picked up at a later time.  Set a finishing time and location for people to meet at the end.	
Checking personal equipment (Clothing/Footwear)	Co-ordinator All	Ensure everyone is suitably dressed for the weather – hot, sunny, windy or raining.  Correct footwear is essential.	
Checking equipment and how to use it	Co-ordinator All	Explain how to use the litter picking equipment, focusing especially on the safety aspects such as the need for gloves and litter pickers. It is important to highlight that volunteers should not under any circumstances pick up litter with their hands and should use the litter pick provided.  It may be necessary to highlight the need to be careful with litter picking sticks as they should always be pointed down and never waved about or run with.	

What to do in an accident/incident First Aid kit (additional contact numbers)	Co-ordinator All	Have contact details of the nearest hospital (page 8) If possible carry a small first aid kit and cleansing gel or hand wipes.
Supervising activities	Coordinator All	Children under the age of 18 <b>must</b> always be accompanied by an adult.  If children are present the ratio of adult to child is dependent upon age.  Further information can be found at:  www.nspcc.org.uk
End of litterpick		·
Storage and collection of waste	Co-ordinator All	Ensure that all the bags are securely tied and they are in a safe place either for overnight storage or for immediate collection. You can contact the DBC Greener Communities team to arrange the removal of rubbish bags (page 8).
Gratitude and Signing out	Co-ordinator All	Ensure everyone who started the litter pick is accounted for. Some people taking part may not be able to stay until the end. If anyone does have to leave early, ask them to let you know with a quick phone call by mobile.

Page 11 5

# **BIG SPRING CLEAN 2019: SIGNING IN FORM**

Thank you for taking part in the Big Spring Clean 2018. Sign in below to register your attendance at this Litter Pick.

Group Name:	
Contact Name:	Phone:
Litter pick Location:	Date:

Sign in		Preferred Contact		
First Surname			Email	
FIISt	Surname	Phone	Eman	

Page 12 6

# **USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS**

- Ambulance, Police and Fire 999
- Fast Medical Help 111

# **Accident and Emergency:**

Heart Attacks

Strokes

Fits

Asthma Attacks

Head, Neck and Spinal Injuries

Major Bone Injuries

Road Traffic Accidents

Darlington Memorial	Hollyhurst Road, Darlington,	01325 380100
Hospital	DL3 6HX	

# **Urgent Care Centres:**

Fever

Cuts, Sprains and Strains

Hand, Foot and Wrist Fractures

Allergic Reactions

Dr Piper House	King Street, Darlington <b>DL14 6AD</b>	01325 364271

# **Further Support**

DBC's Ranger, Ms Pippa Smaling	
Tel:	01325 406719
BlackBerry	07977982090
Email:	Pippa.smaling@darlington.gov.uk

# ACTION: Greener Communities – ACTIVITY AND SITE ASSESSMENT

Activity	
Location	
Date	
Participants	

Below is a list of hazards that the group may be faced with when carrying out an activity and some suggested control measures (neither list is exhaustive). Prior to conducting the activity it is advisable that assessments are completed to identify all likely hazards and the corresponding control measures necessary to minimise the risk to participants. If the risk cannot be reduced to a reasonable level the activity should not take place. Where the control measures allow a reduction in risks to an acceptable level for the activity to go ahead, ensure all participants are briefed on the risks identified and explain the control measures which need to be complied with.

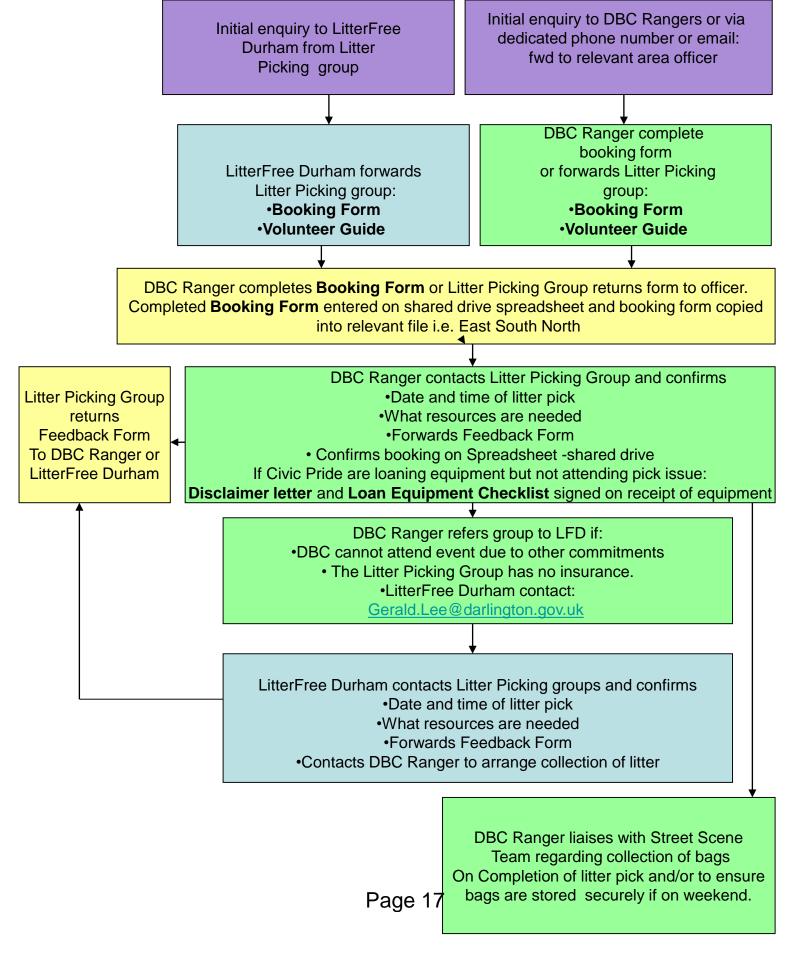
### IF IN DOUBT PLEASE CONTACT THE CIVIC PRIDE TEAM

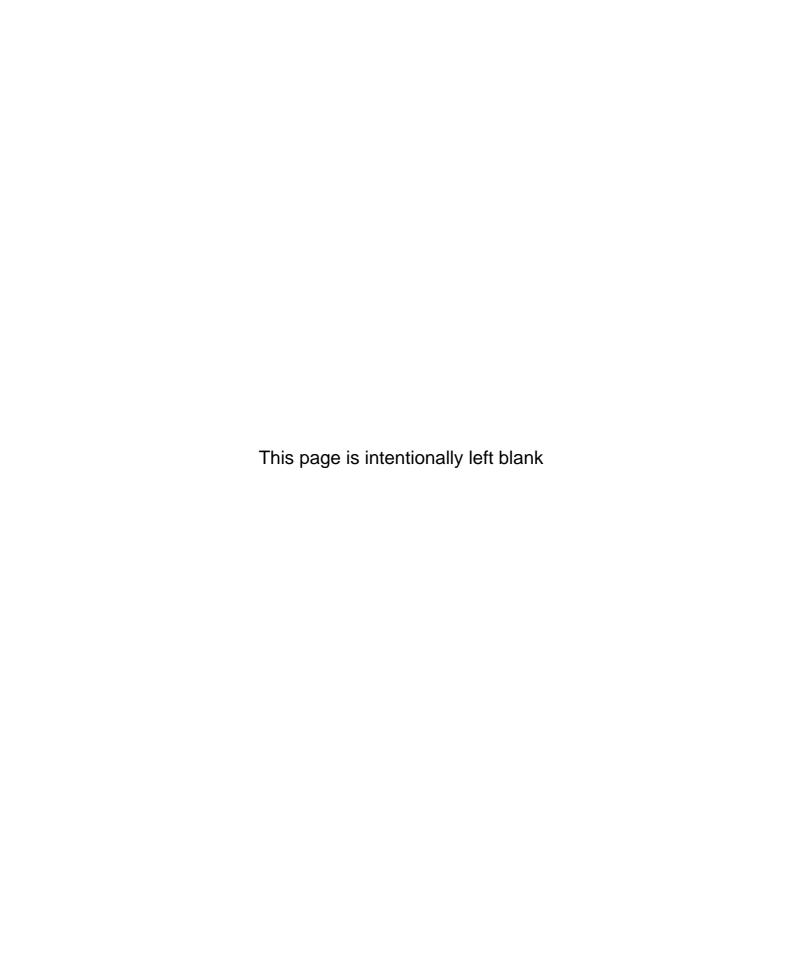
	Hazards	Control Measure Used
	Site conditions including broken / uneven ground and	Participants instructed to wear suitable footwear for the type of activity being undertaken.
	overhanging ground resulting and slips, trips, falls, etc.	Dangerous areas cordoned off and participants instructed not to enter.
		Participants advised of to stay at least m from base or top of steep slopes.
		Other:
	Manual handling (e.g. from overfilling rubbish bags,	Participants instructed not to lift any items that they cannot comfortably manage by themselves.
	moving large objects, etc).	Participants advised to refer heavy items that need to be moved to the activity supervisor.
		Area(s) for participants to place items for collection identified and marked as close to activity area as possible.
		Other:
	Water deeper than 5cm	Participants instructed to stay at least 5m from any water.
		Supervisor instructed to ensure they are the closest person to the water
		Other:
	Vehicles on roads and car parks	Participants instructed to stay at least 5m from any roads / car parks.
		Activity supervisor to ensure they are the closest person to the road / car park.
		Participants all required to wear hi-vis tabards.
		Dangerous areas cordoned off and participants instructed not to enter.
		Other:

	the general public	from the general public to the activity supervisor.  Participants instructed not to challenge members of the public they see committing offences (e.g. dropping litter).  Other:
	Improper use of equipment	Participants given demonstration on correct use of equipment.
		Participants instructed to consider location of other participants / members of the public when moving position and using equipment.
		Other:
	Collision with other participants or members of	Participants instructed to consider location of other participants / members of the public when moving about.
	the public.	Very high footfall areas closed to public using cones, bunting, etc to create safe working space.
		Additional activity supervisors nominated to direct people away from area.
		Other:
	Exposure to the elements	Participants instructed to adjust clothing to suit the weather conditions.
		Participants instructed to keep skin covered and to use sun cream.
		Participants instructed to keep themselves properly hydrated during activities.
		Suitable locations to take shelter from severe weather identified.
		Other:
	Cuts, lacerations and puncture wounds.	Pre-activity site check completed to remove sharp objects.
		Participants instructed to contact activity supervisor if they find any sharp objects.
		Participants instructed to use litter picking devices to lift and move items.
		Other:
	Exposure to harmful substances	Participants provided with appropriate PPE (e.g. disposable coveralls, nitrile gloves, gardening gloves, goggles, etc).
		Participants instructed to protect any cuts / grazes.  Participants instructed to wash hands before eating and
		drinking.  Participants briefed on manufacturers safety procedures for any products that are to be used (e.g. paint).
	Exposure to harmful substances (cont)	Participants issued with dust masks.

		may have been exposed to contamination using hot, soapy water and to seek immediate medical care if there is any sign of a reaction.				
		Participants instructed to seek immediate medical care if there is any contamination of eyes or if they ingest anything.				
		Other:				
Non-Standard Hazards and Control Measures						
	П					

Page 16 10







# 2019 Holocaust Memorial Ceremony

# 'Torn from Home'

Featuring Sixth form Students

Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Vane Terrace, Darlington

Monday, January 28th – 7pm

Refreshments

Everyone will be made WELCOME

This page is intentionally left blank

# STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 19 MARCH 2019

ITEM NO.

# **VISITS TO SCHOOLS BY RELIGIOUS GROUPS**

### **Matter for Consideration**

1. To advise Members of requests from Mowden Junior School and St. John's CE Academy to receive a visit to their school by the SACRE other faith groups.

# **Background**

- 2. Members will recall that at the SACRE Meeting held on 12 November 2018 when the Commission on RE (CoRE) Report – Religious Education for all was discussed, it was agreed to contact all RE Leads within the borough's schools with the offer of sharing resources and knowledge across all schools and to circulate any information or events among RE Leads to strengthen the role of this SACRE.
- Following contact with the RE leads in schools on 14 November 2018 the Democratic Officer has received two requests from Julie Lowery, Mowden Junior School and Michelle Brown, St. John's CE Academy who would like to receive a visit from other faith groups.

## Recommendation

4. That the offer to visit Mowden Junior School and St. John's CE Academy be noted.

# Paul Wildsmith Managing Director

# **Background Papers**

No Background papers were used in the compilation of this report.

Allison Hill: Extension 5997

