

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
9 NOVEMBER 2020**

ITEM NO.

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION (SACRE) – APPOINTMENT TO VACANT POSITION/NEW
APPOINTMENT AND RESIGNATIONS**

Matter for Consideration

1. To advise Members of the appointment of a representative for the Darlington Baptist Church (Group A), to give consideration to a new appointment to Group A (other Religious Faiths) and to note resignations.

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 Darlington Baptist Church to fill the current vacancy.
4. The local authority has taken all reasonable steps to assure themselves that Rev Vicky Thompson is representative of the religion.
5. A Co-opted Member has also been sought to representative the Humanists and Janet Mole has volunteered.

New Appointment

6. Jenny Uzzell, the Chair of this SACRE has proposed that she be considered as a Member of Group A, representatives of the Other Religious Faiths representing Paganism.
7. Jenny is the National Education and Youth Manager for the Pagan Federation and is a Member of the Druid Network which has charitable status as a religion.
8. The local authority has taken all reasonable steps to assure themselves that Jenny Uzzell is a representative of the religion and can confirm that Paganism is represented on other SACRE's.

Resignations

9. Members to note that Mrs Fiona Rankin can no longer be a representative of the National Education Union (NEU) on this SACRE as she has now joined the National Association of School Teacher/Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT); and Phil Andre, Co-opted Member has also offered his resignation as he has moved away from the area.
10. If Members are minded to approve Jenny Uzell as a representative in Group A, there becomes a vacancy in Group C, representatives of Trade Unions for a NASUWT Member, which Mrs Fiona Rankin would be agreeable to filling.
11. Members also to note the removal of Dr I Thakur, in accordance with the Constitution, from the membership of this SACRE as a representative of Hinduism. Dr Thakur is no longer at the address supplied to us and has not notified the authority of a change of address and has also not attended a meeting of SACRE for a number of years.

Recommendation

That Members of this SACRE:

12. note the appointment of Rev Vicky Thompson as the named representative for the Darlington Baptist Church and that membership be for a period of four years;
13. note the resignation of Mr Phil Andre and the resignation of Mrs Fiona Rankin from the NEU, and that the thanks of this SACRE be extended to them for their valued contribution to this SACRE over the years;
14. note the removal of Dr Thakur from the Membership of this SACRE with immediate effect;
15. note the change of Union represented by Mrs Fiona Rankin from the NEU to NASUWT; and
16. approve the appointment of Ms Jenny Uzzell as the named representative for the Pagan Federation 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.
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