
**MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION (SACRE) – APPOINTMENT TO VACANT POSITIONS AND
NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION**

Matter for Consideration

1. To advise Members of the appointment of a representative for the Catholic Church (Group A) and a representative for the Jewish Community (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. Nominations have been received from the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to fulfil the vacancy for a representative of the Catholic Church; the Darlington Hebrew Congregation Reform Synagogue for a Judaism representative; and a person to represent the Sikh Temple.
4. The local authority has taken all reasonable steps to assure themselves that he/she is representative of the religion, denomination or association in question
5. Helen Ellis, a teacher at Carmel College has been put forward to join this SACRE as a Roman Catholic representative.
6. Bess Robertson, Chair of the Darlington Hebrew Congregation Reform Synagogue has been put forward to represent the Jewish Community.
7. A nomination has been received from Bhopinder Singh to represent Sikhism.
8. With regard to the other vacant positions still remaining, the Democratic Officer has continued to contact the relevant organisations to seek nominations to fulfil the vacant positions.

Resignation

9. To advise the Members that Mike Shorten, the SACRE representative for the Association of School and College Leaders - Group C has tendered his resignation on 23 April 2018.

10. His resignation has been acknowledged by the Clerk and the thanks of this SACRE have been extended to Mr Shorten for his contribution to the Committee since his appointment in October 2016.

Recommendation

- (a) Members are requested to note the appointment of the named representatives for the Catholic Church, the Jewish Community and the Sikh Temple and that membership be for a period of four years.
- (b) Members note the resignation of Mike Shorten.

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Background Papers

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