

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
21 MARCH 2022**

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

Matter for Consideration

1. To advise Members of the appointments of a representative of Buddhism and the Darlington Methodist Church - (Group A) Other Religious Faiths.

Vacant positions on SACRE

2. Kelsang Dragden submitted his resignation as the Buddhism representative on 15 December 2021 and proposed Gen Kelsang Chogma, the Resident Teacher at the Atisha Kadampa Meditation Centre to fill his vacancy.
3. Gen Chogma has confirmed that she was willing to take up this role and represent Buddhism on this SACRE.
4. Morvyn Sanderson, Darlington Methodist Church has also submitted her resignation and proposed her replacement as the representative of the Darlington Methodist Church and Emma Walden has confirmed her willingness to fill this vacancy.
5. The local authority has taken all reasonable steps to assure themselves that Gen Chogma and Emma Walden are appropriate representatives of Buddhism and the Methodist Church respectively.

Recommendation

That Members of this SACRE note the appointment of Gen Chogma as the named representative of the Buddhist faith and Emma Walden as the named representative of the Darlington Methodist Church and that membership be for a period of four years.

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Background Papers

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