

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, DARLINGTON DL1 5QT
MONDAY, 17 MARCH 2025**

PRESENT –

Councillor Curry (Group D Darlington Borough Council), Councillor Toms (Group D Darlington Borough Council) and Councillor Wallis (Group D Darlington Borough Council)

Co-opted Members –

Officers –

APOLOGIES – Councillor Lee (Group D Darlington Borough Council)

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

2 TO APPOINT A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

AGREED – That Jenny Uzell be appointed Chair of this SACRE for a three-year term. That Martin Stand be appointed the Vice-Chair of this SACRE for a three-year term.

3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SACRE HELD ON 10 JULY 2023

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the Meeting of this SACRE held on 10 July 2023.

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

4 REVIEW OF HUMANISTS' MEMBER-STATUS / RATIFICATION OF NEW CATHOLIC MEMBER

IT WAS AGREED – That the Humanists membership is approved. The the ratification of a new Roman Catholic Member for Group A is approved.

5 ACADEMISATION OF THE MAINTAINED SCHOOLS IN DARLINGTON

The SEND & Inclusion Advisory Lead officer provided information to committee members that all maintained schools Darlington (apart from the Pupil Referral Unit) are now on a track to academisation. Two maintained nurseries are present however the national curriculum does not apply in the early years.

The SEND & Inclusion Advisory Lead officer has been working closely with Rise Carr (PRU) this academic year on planning and delivering Religious Education for which SACRE will be updated once information becomes available.

Discussion was held regarding functions of SACRE in Darlington – members expressed that a useful way forward would be to engage religious representatives from schools alongside the desire to keep faith leaders educated as to the function of SACRE.

A presentation on the function of Jigsaw publication house and its resource portal will be presented to SACRE at a later date.

IT WAS AGREED – That the role of SACRE in Darlington is to be the main agenda item in the next meeting with the clerk to remind members via email prior to meetings to help boost attendance.

6 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

IT WAS AGREED – That the next meeting be held on Monday 7 July 2025 commencing at 16:15