

SHEFFIELD
Standing Advisory Council on
Religious Education
(Sheffield SACRE)

Constitution

November 2022

1. Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (Sheffield SACRE)

1.1 The Council shall be called the Sheffield SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education), established under Section 390 - 397 of the Education Act 1996 as amended.

2. Explanation of terms in this document

2.1 The “Local Authority (LA)” will mean Sheffield City Council acting either independently or through the People Portfolio.

2.2 The “Council” will mean Sheffield’s Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).

2.3 “Member” will mean a member of SACRE and includes substitute or co-opted members.

2.4 All questions of interpretation are governed by the “Interpretation Act” 1978 as may be subsequently amended.

3. Membership

3.1 Committee A - Other Christian denominations and other faiths represented in the Local Authority Area

Baha’i	1 representative
Baptist Church	1 representative
Black led Christian Churches	1 representative
Buddhism	1 representative
Congregationalist Church	1 representative
Hinduism	1 representative
Islam	2 representative
Judaism	1 representative
Methodist Church	1 representative
Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Days Saints	1 representative
Roman Catholic Church	1 representative
Sikhi	1 representative
United Reformed Church	1 representative

The Local Authority may co-opt representatives of other faiths or organizations where requests are made, if it is considered they reflect a significant local presence.

3.2 Committee B - The Church of England

Nominated by the Diocese	4 representatives
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3.3 Committee C – Teachers & Educational Professionals

Education setting- teachers	3 representatives
Education setting- leaders	2 representatives
FE/HE- lecturers	1 representative
Education Trade Union representatives	2 representatives
School Governance representatives	2 representatives

3.4 Committee D The Local Authority

Elected Councillors of Sheffield City Council	2 representatives
Appointed Sheffield City Council Officers	1 representative
Learn Sheffield representative	1 representative

3.5 Co-opted members

The Local Authority may invite co-opted members as individuals or as nominated by other organisations, where this is considered appropriate to further the work of SACRE. Historically, Sheffield SACRE members have been co-opted from the Sheffield Humanist Society and the two Sheffield universities. Local or national education organisations with an interest in RE are also considered to add value to Sheffield SACRE.

3.6 Other Points

a) The Chair of the Council shall be the Director of Education or his/her representative. The clerk to SACRE shall be appointed by the Local Authority. A Vice Chair will be appointed from within the SACRE membership by nomination annually.

b) Sheffield SACRE will produce separate documents, as it determines, to set out additional information. This typically includes an annual report and a development plan.

c) All members shall be delegates who are interested in education in general, and Religious Education in particular. They shall serve for a period of 3 school years, commencing in the term that they join Sheffield SACRE, after which their Nominating Body may choose to re-propose them for a further 3 year period, or to propose a new member.

d) A member who knows they will be absent can delegate a substitute to attend on their behalf. They must inform the clerk of SACRE in advance of the meeting.

e) If a member is absent for 3 or more consecutive meetings for any reason not acceptable to the council, the Council reserves the right to deem this to be a vacated place to be filled by the Nominating Body for that committee.

f) A meeting will only be quorate and so able to make significant decisions if the following numbers of representatives of the respective groups are present:

Committee A	Minimum of 1 representative
Committees B	Minimum of 1 representative
Committees C	Minimum of 1 representative
Committees D	Minimum of 1 representative

g) Sheffield SACRE will typically meet three times per academic year and these meetings will take place one per term.

h). All members are entitled to speak and vote on any issue. However, substitute or co-opted members may speak but not vote. SACRE will always seek to reach decisions on a consensus basis but when decisions are to be voted on; only one vote is allowed from each of group A, B, C and D. In the event of an equality of votes on any issue the chair may exercise a casting vote.

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