

## LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

### Minutes of the Lewisham SACRE meeting

which was open to the press and public and was held on  
Wednesday 24 February 2022

On Zoom

**These minutes were approved by the SACRE/ ASC on: 25 April 2022**

GROUP	REPRESENTING	NAME	PRESENT
A	Baha'i	Afonso Veiga	y
A	Buddhism	David Hutchens	y
A	Free Church (Assemblies of God) Chair	Pastor Nick Hughes	y
A	Free Church (Assemblies of God) Substitute	Vacant	
A	Free Church (Baptist)	Vacant	
A	Free Churches (URC)	Rev Raymond Singh	
A	Hinduism	Mugunthan Sathasiva Sharma	y
A	Hinduism	Vallipuram Bala	y
A	Humanism	Jennifer Sutherland	A

A	Independent Evangelical	vacant	
A	Islam	Ms Aisha Lodhi	
A	Islam	Imam Ashraf	
A	Islam	Imam Sabir	
A	Judaism	Gerald Rose	y
A	Judaism	Joan Goldberg	y
A	Pentecostal Layo's Substitute	Cheryl Abbam	
A	Pentecostal Layo's Substitute	Bro Ogbu	y
A	Pentecostal	Layo Afuape	
A	Roman Catholic	Rt. Rev. Monsignor Nicholas Rotheron	y

A	Sikhism	Vacant	
B	CofE Diocesan Board (Deputy Chair)	Shaun Burns	A
B	The Church of England Primary teacher	Karen Hansen	y
B	The Church of England Minister	Paul Wynter	
B	The Church of England Secondary teacher	Samantha Alder	y
B	The Church of England Governor	Vacant	
C	Academy/Free School	Vacant	
C	Lewisham Headteachers & Deputies	Vacant	

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C	NAS/UWT	Korkor Burnett	y
C	NAS/UWT	Mandy Keeble	y
C	NEU	Andrea Kelly	y
C	NEU	Kim Griffiths	y
C	NEU Chair ASC	Kim Knappett	y
D	Director of Education	Angela Scattergood	y
D	LA members	Cllr Hilary Moore	
D	LA members	Cllr Jacq Paschoud	y
D	LA members	Cllr Liz Johnston-Franklin	
D	School Governors (Primary)	Caroline O Kalu	
D	School Governors (Secondary)	Vacant	
D	Substitute for Angela Scattergood	Ruth Griffith	
OTHER	Primary teacher	Judith Nweze	y
OTHER	RE School Improvement Officer	Denise Chaplin	y
OTHER	Young Mayor Team	c/o Katy Brown	y
OTHER	SACRE Clerk	Stephen Sealy	y

The meeting begun at 6.35pm.

#### **1A WELCOMES AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

#### **1B APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chair reported that, in addition to the absences recorded above, Samantha and Kim would be leaving early.

#### **1C CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF ITEMS FOR THE MEETING**

This was confirmed by the committee.

#### **2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SACRE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 2021 ON ZOOM**

David confirmed that he had attended this meeting. Otherwise these were agreed by the committee as accurate.

#### **3 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Denise commended Layo for her exemplary use of substitutes when she was unable to attend.

She suggested that when census data is next published, the committee checked that membership reflected the faith represented in the borough.

The Chair encouraged all to do what they could to ensure a substitute attended on their behalf if they were unable to attend meetings.

#### **4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

##### **4A SACRE SELF-EVALUATION (UPDATED VERSION ATTACHED)**

Denise reported that she had updated this document following the previous meeting and that it would be tabled in the next meeting. She advised that the final outcome would provide a basis for a committee development plan.

Kim (later) advised that Section 1E had been omitted on the Self Evaluation.

##### **4B UPDATING THE DIRECTORY OF PLACES OF WORSHIP**

Denise thanked all for their contributions to this document and reported that her next task would be to make the document website compliant. She specified that the document related to places of worship that were available for education visits. She noted that the issue of groups that appropriated non-places of worship to congregate which couldn't therefore be visited in school hours would have to be addressed in the future. She suggested that one option might be making available films of their services etc.

Kim advised that the directory should include those groups which, while not having venues permitting schoolday attendance, were willing to make visits to schools.

The Chair encouraged members to update the directory as appropriate with any future changes.

He expressed pleasure that the Temple and Mosque were both starting to re-open their doors to the public.

##### **4C HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY IN LEWISHAM 2022**

Gerald reported that this event had belatedly been changed to a fully online – rather than in-person – event, and was launched at 11am on the 27 January on Lewisham's website. Schools had some input in the event, and children from the synagogue featured in a 1.5 minute video explaining their interpretations of the theme 'One Day' which was also, aptly, the title of the background music.

He conceded that it wasn't on the same level as the previous event, due to the late change but expected that next year's event would be in-person.

He reported that the Thursday after Passover is the Jewish Holocaust Memorial Day which the synagogue will commemorate with an event either at the synagogue or online.

Gerald reported that he had attended March of the Living 2019 with another 300 from the UK joining 15,000 worldwide to retrace the journey from Auschwitz to Birkenau. He noted that one of the nine coaches carried multi-faith attendees, and that Margaret Cave was an attendee.

A Jewish filmmaker filmed and edited the event, including interviews with Holocaust survivors. This is now available as an educational tool which March of the Living is willing to take to a venue if the film will be shown as part of Holocaust educational activity.

He emphasised that this was not under the auspices of the Holocaust Educational Trust.

Joan advised that Passover coincides with Easter this year.

#### 4D WEBSITE TRAWL

Denise reported that the form had been updated to include the recent suggestions, and that the scheduled meeting with Angela was set to take place on Monday.

### 5 SACRE ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Denise advised that the most recent version of this report was available for members to agree or suggest amendments to. The report was in the new format that NASACRE had asked SACREs.

She reported that the appendices differed from those of previous reports, with Appendix C containing the agendas of all meetings held in the year. She added that the appendix regarding attendance hadn't yet been included.

Cllr Liz commended the report for being detailed, sending a clear message of how hard the committee had been working, and reflecting the work of the SACRE for those who may not be familiar with it.

Denise queried the best format to present it to the Council.

Cllr Liz responded that this should be presented, post-May, to the chair of the Select Committee as an agenda point (having previously been tabled for the Education Committee) and that it would also be presented to the lead cabinet member of Children and Young People.

Cllr Jacq supported the point that SACRE communication to Council that had been established in the past should be revived, advising that some actions will need to go before the full council.

Denise advised that the report didn't require approval from the Council, just its receipt.

### 6 ATTENDANCE, SUBSTITUTES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Denise reported on the significance and protocol of member attendance of meetings, and explained the requirement to submit attendance information in the annual report.

The clerk summarised the workings of the spreadsheet and committed to send the master sheet to members for them to check their attendance at meetings.
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The importance of members sending substitutes when they're unable to attend and sending apologies as appropriate was emphasised also, and Kim highlighted the need for members to check with their representing body to ensure substitute arrangements have been made.

## **7 RE ASSESSMENT ADVICE KEY STAGES 1 AND 2 AND PROPOSED MEETING WITH PRIMARY RE LEADS**

Denise advised that members now had the most recent, final draft of this document, which she hoped could be made Lewisham-website compliant. She advised that, although it wasn't statutory, schools were required to report on their progress.

She asked members for their thoughts on a Zoom twilight session for Primary RE leads, possible in late May. She acknowledged that the Ultra Low Emissions Zone may make driving around the borough more difficult than before.

Kim opined that the idea was a good one but that there was no good time, particularly as her school's attention was focussed on OfSted. She suggested that possibly another member of staff, rather than the RE lead, could attend.

She added that she thought the advice was good but felt that not including Early Years was a weakness.

At this point Imam Sabir left the meeting.

Denise suggested that, strategically, it may make sense to send the advice and then invite schools to attend the meeting.

Angela advised that the document be forwarded to Sandra Roberts to promote, noting it would be beneficial for schools' preparation for deep dives.

## **8 FEEDBACK ON WORLDVIEWS AND PROPOSED MEETING WITH SECONDARY RE TEACHERS**

Korkor reported that the discussion on worldviews was similar to the presentation that she and Jennifer had delivered to SACRE; she stressed there was no motive to radically change the curriculum but rather to improve upon it. She considered it a good conversation.

Denise advised that the sessions would be available for members to view.

At this point Ogbu left.

Denise advised that funding has been set aside for SACREs to bid for, but that she is awaiting for further information on this as the outline of the initiative hasn't been shaped yet.

Korkor committed to see if she had any further information on this.
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Judith commented that she had found it informative.

At this point Samantha left.

Joan commented that she found the session informative also, although some parts were too quick.

The Chair thanked Korkor for representing the committee at this event.

## **9 NASACRE AGM – 23 MAY**

Denise informed the committee that the upcoming NASACRE conference, titled Ambitious SACREs would be a zoom/in-person hybrid and its keynote speakers would include HMI Richard Kueh and David Hampshire. The workshops will be virtually accessible, and NASACRE is aware that there will be fewer delegates in person.

She indicated her intention to consider how best SACRE could be represented, noting that Kim Knappett had already indicated her willingness to attend in person. She suggested that in the next meeting the committee could decide how to vote.

The Chair requested that members think about whether they would want to attend in person or virtually and let him know.

He reported that in the most recent Executive meeting, the committee had discussed how best to support teachers in RE, realising that when curriculum delivery is under pressure it is often the teaching of RE that suffers.

## **10 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND AOB**

### **10A RAMADAN ADVICE 2022**

Denise reported that the Ramadan Advice had been circulated today and is on Lewisham's website. She thanked Suhaib and the Muslim representatives for updating the document.

Judith requested that a subgroup for Primary RE leads be set up to enable the sharing of good practice. Denise replied that the proposed meeting for Primary RE teachers was intended to start to meet that need.

### **10B DAME CHRISTINE RYAN – MESSAGE ABOUT INSPECTIONS**

Mandy queried what the situation for academies was.

Denise advised that academies were still required to deliver RE, and that their funding arrangement would enable this.

### **10C AOB**

Gerald advised that an additional resource with regard to the Holocaust was a BBC2 program which featured artists commissioned by Prince Charles researching, and then painting portraits of, Holocaust survivors, one of whom was Rachel Levy who is a member of Catford synagogue. He commended it as an educational tool or simply for interest.

Nick reported that he felt there had been a sea change Post-Covid in that there was a greater appreciation of schools and their value as community hubs given their engagement during the pandemic. He suggested that when the committee reviews what RE is, there would be lessons to be included from the Covid experience.

Gerald recommended a weekly publication from United Synagogue which includes a link to a prayer from the Chief Rabbi targeted at a universal - rather than primarily Jewish - audience.

He advised the committee of the Weiner Minor (ie not Biblical) festival on the eve of Wednesday 16 March, advising that this was likely to be a boisterous affair.

At the point Korkor left.

**11 FUTURE MEETINGS – PROPOSED DATES**  
**MONDAY 25 APRIL (ZOOM), TUESDAY 28 JUNE (EMMANUEL CHURCH, LEE)**

Denise reminded the committee that Raymond had retired and that the meeting in June offered an opportunity to invite him back. She requested that members let her know if there were others that should be included.

She advised that the future plan was to resume having SACRE meetings in faith venues with a twilight session before the meeting to which teachers would be invited.

The Chair thanked all attendees for attending and at 7.55 the meeting finished.