

1. SLOUGH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

1.0 The SACRE is established in accordance with the Education Act 1996.

2.0 Membership

2.1 The Members of the SACRE shall be appointed by the Authority so that they shall represent the following groups. The Council shall take all reasonable steps to assure itself that an individual appointed to represent any religion, denomination or association is representative of the same.

Committee 1 – Christian denominations (except the Church of England) and other religions (12)

The Free Churches (1)
The Black Free Churches (1)
The Roman Catholic Church (1)
Hinduism (1)
Islam (4)
Judaism (1)
Sikhism (2)
Baha'is (1)

Committee 2 – The Church of England (4)

Committee 3 – Teachers (representing Primary, Secondary and Special Schools (6)

Committee 4 – The Authority (5)

2.2 Committee 4 shall be subject to the proportionality requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

2.3 No Member appointed to the Cabinet shall be appointed to the SACRE.

The SACRE shall be appointed by the Council.

2.4 Members of the SACRE shall serve from the date of their appointment for a term of three years or until their successors are appointed by the Council. They shall be eligible for reappointment after each term for a further term by consultation, if necessary, with the group which they represent. The Council may remove any individual if, in its opinion, the individual ceases to be representative of the religion, denomination or association which they were appointed to represent or where appointed to Committee 4, a member of the Council.

2.5 Where a nominated representative fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the SACRE and fails to give their apologies s/he, shall cease to be a member of the SACRE and the nominating body shall be invited to nominate another representative provided that:

- (a) the Clerk to the SACRE has advised the member in writing of the provision of this clause following the second missed meeting and at least 10 working days before the third meeting.
- (b) SACRE does not decide to disapply this rule for reasons of extenuating circumstances.

3.0 Terms of Reference

3.1 In accordance with Section 390 and 391 of the Education Act 1996 to advise the Council on:

(a) such matters connected with religious worship in community or foundation schools which do not have a religious character and the religious education to be given in accordance with an agreed or other syllabus as the authority may refer to it or as it may see fit.

To advise, in particular, on methods of teaching, the choice of materials and the provision of training for teachers.

On application made by a Head Teacher of any community or foundation school not designated as having a religious whether it is appropriate for the requirement for Christian collective character, consider worship to apply in the case of that school, or in the case of any class or description of pupils at that school. SACRE shall give the Head Teacher written notification of its decision.

3.2 The representative groups on the SACRE other than that representing the authority may at any time require a review of any agreed syllabus for the time being adopted by the authority.

3.3 The SACRE shall each year publish a report on its proceedings and those of its representative groups, the report to specify any matters on which the SACRE has given advice to the authority and the reasons for offering that advice.

3.4 On any question to be decided by SACRE, each of the four committee groups set out above are entitled to one single vote.