



TRAFFORD STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Letter from the Chair of Trafford SACRE

Letter from the Chair of SACRE

This has been an active year for the Trafford SACRE and this report reflects the on-going commitment of its members and officers in securing the importance of religious education in schools and supporting teachers in delivering high quality lessons to students across all phases.

Members have come and gone throughout the year and to them I pass on my thanks for their hard work and to new arrivals I say welcome at what is a very important time for SACRE. Thanks go to Barbara Phillips, SACRE Officer until the summer for her hard work and constant support and a welcome goes to Jane Bryan, our new SACRE Officer from Trafford.

July saw the now annual Greater Manchester RE Conference organised by the five original authorities brought together in 2010 to develop our Agreed Syllabus and it is a testament to this group that they are still going strong five years after the original meeting. Continuing to work together on the new Agreed Syllabus which is due into schools in 2016 they will be supporting teachers with life after levels and the new content of the Agreed Syllabus. In primary, secondary and special schools there is much about to change, the new agreed syllabus and substantial changes to GCSE and A Level Religious Studies and I know that SACRE will continue to work with schools across the borough in support of delivering high quality and engaging learning opportunities.

*Ian Nicholson
Chair of SACRE 2014-2015*

1.2 An Overview

The 2014-2015 Annual SACRE Report gives a full account of the way in which Trafford SACRE is meeting its statutory requirements and is supporting RE, and collective worship in schools which are not voluntary aided. The report also gives details of the contribution of SACRE to the wider diversity agenda.

The attainment and progress of Trafford children and young people in RE and the provision for spiritual, moral and social and cultural development in schools are very good. The distinctive strength of Trafford SACRE members is their commitment to supporting schools to maintain their high standards in RE and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development and also their commitment to community cohesion and interfaith issues.

The representation of SACRE members on all four committees is good. On Committee A there is now full representation across the six major world faiths and also includes representation from the Baha'i faith, Humanist and Quaker representatives. SACRE has met three times during the year, with an average attendance of 18.

Trafford's GCSE results for the full and short courses and for A and AS Level results for Religious Studies are included in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2**. Results continue to be well above the National average. In the GCSE full course examination 85% of pupils achieved A*-C grades. This was a 3 percentage point improvement on the 2014 results, and 13 percentage points above the 2015 National average. At A level 91.4% of pupils achieved an A*-C grade, 11 percentage points above the National average and a 5 percentage point improvement on the 2014 results. Congratulations to the schools and the young people for these excellent results.

There is still a statutory duty for SACREs to produce an Annual Report; however these no longer need to be sent to the Department for Education (DfE). This report has been sent to NASACRE which is collating and analysing all the reports. The report will also be sent to the DfE, to all Head teachers and to the Local MPs.

This report is also available on the Trafford internet:

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2. Religious Education in Trafford

2.1 Standards in RE

The 2015 Religious Studies results at GCSE and Post 16 are shown in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2**. The results from voluntary aided schools are also included.

Results in Trafford in Religious Studies have again exceeded the National average at GCSE, A and AS Level. The performance of Trafford students in these examinations remains outstanding.

In the GCSE full course 85% achieved A*-C grade an increase of 3 percentage points from 2014, with 48% achieving an A* or A grade, 1 percentage point higher than 2014. Both of these figures are considerably higher than the National figure of 72% and 30% respectively. In 2015 1583 pupils were entered for the examination, this is slightly lower than in 2014. All secondary schools entered students to sit the exam.

At Advanced Level 116 students were entered from seven schools and colleges. 36.2% achieved an A* or A grade, which is considerably higher than the National average of 24.4%. 91.4% of pupils gained A* to C grades, again higher than the national average of 79.9%.

2.2 Standards and Quality of Provision in RE

School inspection reports no longer include specific information on the quality of RE. There have been no Ofsted Subject and Survey inspections of RE this academic year in Trafford.

2.3 The Quality of Provision for Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development

A comment on the Quality of Provision for Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development (SMSC) is included in inspection reports. However in the Ofsted framework, which was current to August 2015, there was no specific grade judgement for SMSC. This was now included in the grade for behaviour and safety.

Trafford schools continue to demonstrate high quality provision in this area as reflected in some of the extracts from the most recent Ofsted reports. To date no mainstream schools have been inspected under the new common inspection framework.

Primary

“Pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is strong. They learn about different cultures and diversity within their own society, visiting the elderly and other schools.”

“The school cares exceptionally well for pupils and this has a positive impact on their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Consequently, pupils care very well for each other and feel very safe.”

Secondary

“Students’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is a strength of the school. Many opportunities are provided for students to consider a wide range of ethical and topical issues. As a result, they develop well-considered, reasoned views which they express articulately and sensitively.”

“The school promotes students’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development most effectively. There are very good opportunities through the curriculum for students to reflect on spiritual and moral issues, for example in religious education. In addition, students learn about issues such as extremism and democracy, and take part in mock elections; these contribute to their good preparation for life in modern Britain. The school tackles discrimination and fosters good relations well.”

“Leaders ensure that students are prepared well for life in modern Britain, through careful curriculum planning and by reinforcing British values through the ethos of the college. They promote students’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development exceptionally well in all aspects of their work.”

2.4 Complaints

No complaints about Religious Education were received.

2.5 Religious Education Training available for Trafford schools.

Training to support the Agreed Syllabus to school has been offered through Woodheys Primary School and Stretford Grammar School.

3. COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

3.1 Monitoring Collective Worship

According to the new Ofsted framework, if the schools are not fulfilling a statutory duty it will be recorded in the report. There is no reference to non-compliance in collective worship in any Trafford Ofsted report from 2014-2015 and no complaints have been passed to SACRE.

Guidance on the legal requirements for collective worship is available on the Trafford Website.

3.2 Determinations

In September 2011 four schools were granted a determination to withdraw from collective worship, which is broadly Christian in nature. (A determination is the lifting of the requirement that a school's collective worship be wholly or mainly of a Christian character.) The determination lasts until September 2015.

The schools are:

- King's Road Primary School
- Old Trafford Community School
- Seymour Park Community Primary School
- Stretford High School

Old Trafford Community Primary School is now an academy and as such no longer falls under SACRE, but reports directly to the EFA. All schools have been informed of the application process.

4. SACRE ACTIVITIES

4.1 SACRE events and the contribution to wider issues

4.1.1 Trafford's Holocaust Memorial Event

Trafford's Holocaust Memorial Day event took place at The Robert Bolt Theatre at Sale Waterside on January 27th 2015. The event was attended by dignitaries, Councillors and members of numerous faiths. Every Trafford secondary school was also in attendance. The event was hosted by Sandra Stewart. Students from Loreto Grammar school, Wellington High School, Urmston Grammar School, Stretford High School, Altrincham Grammar School and Lostock College contributed a varied and thought provoking range of dramatic and musical pieces. The Mayor of Trafford opened the event and welcomed all present. The key note speech was by Chair (Henry) Ferster, an Auschwitz survivor, whose words had a profound effect on all present. The three candles of remembrance were lit by Doris Angel, a Holocaust survivor, Rhonda-caprice Burton, a member of the local Gypsy community and Azra Dedic, a Bosnian refugee.

Trafford were honoured to have been chosen to receive one of the seventy specially designed candles to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. This was lit by Mr Ferster's sons after prayers by Rabbi Dovid Lewis and Chazan Michael Isdale. The event was closed with thanks to all involved from Councillor Michael Young, Deputy Leader of Trafford Council.

4.2 Links with other Agencies and Partnerships

4.2.1 NASACRE

Trafford SACRE continues to be a member of NASACRE and sees links with this national body as essential. The Annual report will be sent to NASACRE.

4.2.2 Local Links and regional links

The Greater Manchester RE Hub Conference

The second Greater Manchester RE Hub Conference was held at the Britannia Hotel on Monday 6th July. Please see appendix 6 for a report written by Cedric Knipe, the SACRE representative for The Church of the Latter Day Saints.

5. SACRE MANAGEMENT

5.1 SACRE Meetings

SACRE has met three times during this year. Two of the 3 meetings were quorate. The average attendance at the termly SACRE meetings in 2014-2015 was 15. This includes officers in attendance and guests..

Attendance in each committee at each formal meeting			
	November 2014	March 2015	July 2015
Committee A	6	6	6
Committee B	2	0	1
Committee C	2	2	1
Committee D	4	3	1
Total including guests and officers:	19	16	12

A summary of SACRE meetings with attendance and the main issues discussed is included **Appendix 5**.

5.2.1 Membership

Committee A now has representatives from all the six major world faiths and includes a member from the Baha'i Faith, a Humanist and new members from the Hindu, Sikh and Quaker faiths. The increased representation on Committee A has widened discussions at SACRE meetings. Representation on Committee B continues to be low as there have been two vacancies from Manchester Diocese all year. Attendance from the 5 members on Committee C has been very good. Members from Committee D continue to give their full support for SACRE although on occasions other council commitments have limited their attendance, new member Kwok Mei Yau.

Details of SACRE membership are included in Appendix 6.

5.2.2 Priorities for 2014-2015

The Priorities in the 2014-2015 SACRE Development Plan are:

- To fulfil the Council's statutory duty to develop an effective SACRE.
- To ensure the induction and training of new SACRE members.
- To continue to support and oversee the implementation of the new Agreed Syllabus for Trafford.
- To support CPD through RE hub schools.

The SACRE Development Plan is included in **Appendix 5**.

Religious Studies Examination Results at GCSE in Trafford 2015 (Unvalidated data)

	No of Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	A*-A	A*-B	A*-C	A*-G
Altrincham College of Arts	148	6.1%	9.5%	17.6%	18.9%	19.6%	13.5%	12.2%	2.7%	0.0%	15.5%	33.1%	52.0%	100.0%
Altrincham Grammar School for Boys	158	29.7%	36.7%	25.9%	7.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	66.5%	92.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Altrincham Grammar School for Girls	38	57.9%	42.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Ashton-on-Mersey School	28	21.4%	10.7%	21.4%	28.6%	7.1%	10.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	32.1%	53.6%	82.1%	100.0%
Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College	177	7.9%	22.0%	33.9%	16.4%	12.4%	4.5%	1.1%	1.7%	0.0%	29.9%	63.8%	80.2%	100.0%
Broadoak School	20	20.0%	0.0%	25.0%	30.0%	10.0%	15.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	45.0%	75.0%	100.0%
Flixton Girls School	151	10.6%	27.2%	32.5%	19.2%	7.9%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	37.7%	70.2%	89.4%	100.0%
Loreto Grammar School	167	56.9%	34.7%	8.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	91.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sale Grammar School	43	30.2%	46.5%	16.3%	4.7%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	76.7%	93.0%	97.7%	100.0%
Sale High School	133	12.0%	30.8%	22.6%	14.3%	9.8%	3.0%	1.5%	3.0%	3.0%	42.9%	65.4%	79.7%	97.0%
St. Ambrose College	145	29.7%	31.7%	31.7%	5.5%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	61.4%	93.1%	98.6%	100.0%
St. Antony's Catholic College	126	4.0%	10.3%	23.8%	19.8%	18.3%	11.9%	5.6%	3.2%	3.2%	14.3%	38.1%	57.9%	96.8%
Stretford Grammar School	127	24.4%	29.1%	27.6%	14.2%	3.1%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	53.5%	81.1%	95.3%	100.0%
Stretford High School	50	14.0%	16.0%	42.0%	18.0%	8.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	30.0%	72.0%	90.0%	100.0%
Urmston Grammar	32	21.9%	43.8%	28.1%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	65.6%	93.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Wellacre Academy	10	0.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	20.0%	40.0%	60.0%	90.0%
Wellington School	30	30.0%	26.7%	26.7%	6.7%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	56.7%	83.3%	90.0%	100.0%
Trafford	1583	21.7%	26.4%	24.6%	12.6%	7.5%	3.7%	2.0%	0.9%	0.6%	48.1%	72.7%	85.3%	99.4%
England		10.8%	19.0%	23.4%	18.7%	11.8%	7.3%	4.4%	2.6%	1.7%	29.7%	53.1%	71.8%	97.9%

Religious Studies Examination Results at AS/A Level 2015 (Unvalidated data)

AS Level Results	No of Entries
Stretford Grammar School	18
Sale Grammar School	26
Wellington School	36
Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College	10
Altrincham Grammar School for Girls	20
St. Ambrose College	10
Loreto Grammar School	21
Trafford	141
England	

A	B	C	D	E
22.2%	33.3%	33.3%	11.1%	0.0%
84.6%	11.5%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%
16.7%	38.9%	25.0%	19.4%	0.0%
0.0%	40.0%	30.0%	20.0%	10.0%
55.0%	30.0%	10.0%	0.0%	5.0%
40.0%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%
38.1%	47.6%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%
39.0%	31.9%	19.1%	8.5%	1.4%
20.4%	22.7%	23.3%	16.1%	9.6%

A*-B	A*-C	A*-E
55.6%	88.9%	100.0%
96.2%	96.2%	100.0%
55.6%	80.6%	100.0%
40.0%	70.0%	100.0%
85.0%	95.0%	100.0%
60.0%	100.0%	100.0%
85.7%	100.0%	100.0%
70.9%	90.1%	100.0%
43.1%	66.4%	92.1%

A Level Results	No of Entries
Stretford Grammar School	8
Sale Grammar School	26
Wellington School	15
Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College	10
Altrincham Grammar School for Girls	10
St. Ambrose College	17
Loreto Grammar School	30
Trafford	116
England	

A*	A	B	C	D	E
0.0%	25.0%	37.5%	37.5%	0.0%	0.0%
3.8%	61.5%	30.8%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%
6.7%	13.3%	60.0%	6.7%	13.3%	0.0%
0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	30.0%	20.0%	10.0%
60.0%	10.0%	30.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
0.0%	0.0%	29.4%	47.1%	17.6%	5.9%
16.7%	26.7%	46.7%	6.7%	3.3%	0.0%
11.2%	25.0%	39.7%	15.5%	6.9%	1.7%
5.5%	18.9%	30.1%	25.4%	13.8%	5.1%

A*-A	A*-B	A*-C	A*-E
25.0%	62.5%	100.0%	100.0%
65.4%	96.2%	100.0%	100.0%
20.0%	80.0%	86.7%	100.0%
0.0%	40.0%	70.0%	100.0%
70.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
0.0%	29.4%	76.5%	100.0%
43.3%	90.0%	96.7%	100.0%
36.2%	75.9%	91.4%	100.0%
24.4%	54.5%	79.9%	98.8%

EXAMINATION RESULTS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Results in all Trafford schools for Full GCSE Course 2015

Percentage of Trafford students gaining each grade

Grade	2012	2013	2014	2015
A*	17.6	16.3	18.9	21.7
A	25.6	24.6	28	26.4
B	25.8	23.7	21.7	24.6
C	16.0	17.6	13.2	12.6
D	7.0	7.6	8	7.5
E	4.2	4.7	4.7	3.7
F	2.1	3.1	3	2.0
G	1.1	1.7	1.7	0.9
U	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6
% A*-C				
Trafford Average	85.0	82.1	81.1	85.3
National Average	74.1	73.5	70.1	71.8
% A*-G				
Trafford Average	99.4	99.3	99.2	99.4
National Average	98.3	98.2	97.8	97.9
N° Of Entries	1413	1467	1614	1583

A/S Level Results in all Trafford Schools 2015

Percentage of Trafford students gaining each grade

Grade	2012	2013	2014	2015
A	17.1	26.9	9.5	39.0
B	36.6	23.1	38.1	31.9
C	24.4	19.2	28.6	19.0
D	9.8	19.2	9.5	8.5
E	9.8	11.5	9.5	1.4
U	-			
X	2.4			
% A-C				
Trafford Average	78.1	69.2	85.7	90.1
National Average	64.2	64.7	69.2	66.4
N° Of Entries	41	26	21	141

A Level Results in all Trafford Schools 2015

Percentage of students gaining each grade

Grade	2012	2013	2014	2015
A*	6.9	10.0	12.4	11.2
A	31.7	34.0	17.7	25.0
B	38.6	29.0	31.9	39.7
C	13.9	22.0	22.1	15.5
D	7.9	5.0	9.7	6.9
E	1.0		6.2	1.7
U			0.2	0
% A-C				
Trafford Average	91.1	95.0	84.1	91.4
National Average	79.8	79.9	75.1	79.9
N° Of Entries	101	100	113	116

Minutes of SACRE Meetings 2014-2015

Trafford SACRE met three times during the Academic Year 2014-2015:

SACRE Meeting 1; Tuesday 18th November 2014

Venue: Woodheys Primary School

Trafford Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Tuesday 18th November 2014

Woodheys Primary School

6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Name	Representing	Group
Ian Nicholson	Stretford Grammar, Secondary RE Hub School	Chair
Barby Phillips	Adviser to SACRE	In Attendance
	Church of the Latter Day Saints	A
Cedric Knipe		
	Humanist Community	A
Deborah Densham	Baha'i Faith	A
Amanda Topson		
Irene Wai Lin Chan	Buddhism Faith/Community	A
Saima Alvi	Muslim Faith/Community	A/Vice Chair
Marika Richardson	Catholic Faith	A
Rosemary Sigee	Chester Diocese	B
Paul Edwards	Chester Diocese	B
Dave Kitchen	NASUWT	C
Laura Daniels	NAHT	C
Cllr Bernard Sharp	Trafford Council	D
Cllr Judith Lloyd	Trafford Council	D
Cllr Dolores O'Sullivan	Trafford Council	D
Cllr Ray Bowker	Trafford Council	D
Alison Irrgang	Sale Grammar, Subject Leader RE	Guest
Shelley McCory		Guest
Viv Chasey	Quaker Faith / Community	Guest

Apologies received and accepted:

Name	Representing	Group
Adrian Hallett	CYPS	A
		A
Mike Bateman	Humanist	
Linda Davison	Catholic Faith	
Sue Baird	NUT	C
David Kitchen	NASUWT	C
Sian Bloor		C
Dawn Farrent	ATL	C
Cllr Robert Chiltern	Trafford Council	D
Cllr Michael Cornes	Trafford Council	D
Cllr Laurence Walsh	Trafford Council	D

Discussion	Action
<p>1. WELCOME Ian Nicholson welcomed all members.</p> <p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received and accepted as above.</p> <p>3. MINUTES OF THE SACRE MEETING ON 8th July 2014 These were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>4. GM RE HUB/ RE CONFERENCE (LD/IN) LD outlined details for next year's conference; Monday June 22nd 2015 at The Britannia Hotel, Didsbury for an all day conference for RE teachers. The keynote speaker is again, Lat Blaylock, the editor of RE Today magazine. This day has been described as ".a full year's CPD in one day!' Teachers can network, attend useful workshops and meet a variety of faith representatives who will all have stalls at the event. All SACRE members welcome. More details to follow.</p> <p>5. RE AGREED SYLLABUS (IN) The Trafford Agreed Syllabus is due for renewal for September 2016. The introduction has been written and will be sent to other GM colleagues. New GCSE and A level syllabi will mean huge changes to the syllabus. The new and far reaching changes to the Secondary RE syllabus was discussed in detail. Ali Irrgang felt that the changes will lead to a lack of rigour across the subject. Even at primary level the focus is much more philosophical. Any responses to the changes could either be sent individually to DfE or via IN as a SACRE response. Response deadline Friday 05/12. Funding was discussed at the SACRE concerning the writing and dissemination of a new Agreed Syllabus and that as a statutory function of the authority there should be some funding to support the writing of the syllabus and the dissemination of what is a statutory document.</p>	

IN and LD proposed a youth SACRE to be held at Gorton Monastery to ask children and young people from across the Greater Manchester Hub authorities to discuss what they wanted to learn in RE so that this could be incorporated into the Agreed Syllabus. SACRE supported this development.

6. DETERMINATIONS

There were no determinations made this year.

7. SACRE REPORT

The report was distributed, members offered amendments which were noted

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- IWC; Buddhist temple is open for teachers/schools to visit. Please contact Irene if you need any further details.
- AT; Baha'I Faith are also in contact with schools in the area and the crucial question which schools need to be asked is "What do you need?"
- Increase in EAL/ME pupils in some schools across Trafford, e.g. The Firs have had 22 new pupils this term.
- BS commented that the need for interfaith groups, especially SACRE was crucial at this moment in time.
- Discussion as to whether SACRE as a group was putting too much emphasis on HMD and not other events. BP pointed out that HMD discussions were put under AOB and that anyone could request an AOB item. AT queried why the HMD report was in the SACRE Annual report. BP agreed that she followed the format that Erica of previous reports for writing the Annual Report and that was why it was included. HMD report will now not be in the Annual Report, but distributed to members separately.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING; 3rd March 6pm-8pm

Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple

540 Stretford Road

Old Trafford

Manchester M16 9AF

SACRE Meeting 2: Tuesday 3rd March 2015
Venue: Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple

Trafford Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Tuesday 3rd March 2015
Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Name	Representing	Group
Ian Nicholson	Stretford Grammar, Secondary RE Hub School	Chair
Barby Phillips	Adviser to SACRE	In Attendance
Cedric Knipe	Church of the Latter Day Saints	A
Mike Bateman	Humanist Community	A
Deborah Densham	Humanist Community	A
Sandra Stewart	Jewish Faith/Community	A
Irene Wai Lin Chan	Buddhist Faith/Community	A
Saima Alvi	Muslim Faith/Community	A/Vice Chair
Laura Daniels	NAHT	C
Dave Kitchen	NASUWT	C
Cllr Bernard Sharp	Trafford Council	D
Cllr Judith Lloyd	Trafford Council	D
Cllr Robert Chilton	Trafford Council	D
Naghneh Jaber	Baha'i Faith/Community	Guest
Bahar Rowshanabady	Baha'i Faith/Community	Guest
Samantha Yan	Buddhist Faith/Community	Guest

Apologies received and accepted:

Name	Representing	Group
Adrian Hallett	CYPS	
Amanda Topson	Baha'i Faith	A
Linda Davison	Catholic Faith	A
Marika Richardson	Catholic Faith	A
Paul Edwards	Chester Diocese	B
Rosemary Sigee	Chester Diocese	B
Dawn Farrent	ASCL	C
Sue Baird	NUT	C
Cllr Laurence Walsh	Trafford Council	D
Cllr Dolores O'Sullivan	Trafford Council	D
Cllr Ray Bowker	Trafford Council & Chester Diocese	D
Ali Irrgang	Sale Grammar School	Guest

Discussion	Action
<p>1. WELCOME Ian Nicholson welcomed all members.</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received and accepted as above.</p>	
<p>3. MINUTES OF THE SACRE MEETING ON 4th March 2014 These were agreed as a true record.</p>	
<p>4. GM RE HUB/ RE CONFERENCE (LD/IN) Laura Daniels gave an update about GM conference including a change of venue to The Britannia Hotel, Didsbury. Laura is working with the speakers and hoping to meet with representatives of other GM Hub Schools to plan the content and organisation of the day. Laura voiced her concern about whether she and Ian had the capacity to organise the event without the support from other GM Hub schools. The Hub school representatives are finding it difficult to attend meetings due to constraints on their time. She and Ian would decide whether to go ahead with the conference next week and advise SACRE members of that decision.</p>	
<p>5. TRAFFORD INTERFAITH COMMITTEE (BS) Councillor Sharp reported that Trafford Interfaith Committee had been dissolved and that the responsibility for interfaith activities particularly within schools is now falling completely onto SACRE.</p>	
<p>6. GCSE RE CHANGES FEEDBACK (IN) Ian reported on the changes to the RE syllabi specifically the new requirement to study 2 different religions at GCSE level. He pointed out that faith schools would find this change particularly challenging. Ian has written to the DfE about this and the need for resources to fund such far reaching changes to the curriculum. DD/MB pointed out that Humanism has not been included in the subject content. The new syllabus will be sent out to schools for September 2016 which will be in line with Trafford's New Agreed Syllabus. MB asked the question whether these changes would put students off studying RE at GCSE</p>	
<p>7. RE AGREED SYLLABUS (IN) The Trafford Agreed Syllabus is due for renewal for September 2016. The syllabus needs reviewing in line with syllabus changes. IN is of the opinion that a rewrite is necessary, if possible involving the GM Authorities in the RE Hub.</p>	

The new Agreed Syllabus would then be sent into all schools by September 2015 for first delivery from September 2016, the decision, supported by SACRE for this was that with the changes coming to AS/A Level and GCSE that schools should not be overloaded by developing new schemes of work for all year groups at Secondary level and that at Primary level we would be able to align the new syllabus more closely with the revised National Curriculum. It was also felt that a new Agreed Syllabus more closely aligned to this would be attractive to academies who are able to choose their own agreed syllabus as the new Trafford one would match what they were doing in other subject areas and not be seen as a totally different document.(These sentiments echoed those of a previous meeting's minutes and this minute is taken from those)

Funding was discussed at the SACRE concerning the writing and dissemination of a new Agreed Syllabus and that as a statutory function of the authority there should be some funding to support the writing of the syllabus and the dissemination of what is a statutory document.

Ian pointed out that a small working party of RE teachers would be difficult to accommodate from a capacity point of view and would also be costly.

Ian and Laura discussed the possibility of 5 GM Local Authorities jointly funding a syllabus written and produced by Lat Blaylock. He has worked on a similar project in North Yorkshire. This would cost around £15,000 between the 5 LAs; a cost of £3000 each.

LD; £50 from each school would cover the cost

BP; Could we charge schools for the syllabus? Other Authorities?

BP; Could contact Authorities outside of GM E.g. Warrington, Cheshire East

IN to speak to Ade Hallett re funding

IN to contact other GM SACREs re Lat proposal

8. DETERMINATIONS

There were no determinations made this year.

BP; The 3 schools with determinations need to reapply for their determinations for 2016. The schools are Stretford High School, Seymour Park PS and King's Road PS

IN to contact schools

7. LETTER FROM DfE TO SACRES (IN)

Letter from Lord Nash attached.

The letter which points out the importance of SACRE in LAs was discussed. The third paragraph sets out what SACRE should be doing, all of which we are.

School inspections will now look at how British Values are taught in schools.

The new National Curriculum and GCSE RE will demand more rigour in teaching and learning.

There is a new bursary available for RE trainee teachers; £4000 for a 2:1 graduate and £9000 for a 1st class degree.

The annual SACRE Report system is going to be reviewed "to ensure that all SACRES are fulfilling their statutory duties"

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (ALL)

BP distributed a report and feedback from Holocaust Memorial Day

event. Once again, every secondary School in Trafford was in attendance. The event was highly praised both for content and organisation.

CK had recently attended a Faith Network meeting. There are two upcoming events which he told us about;
The May event is at the Crocky Trail Adventure Park near Chester on May 26 27 or 28.

The November event is a faith in education Conference on 19th Longsight was venue last year Gorton monastery a possible venue this.

IWLC After 9 years attending SACRE meetings Irene is going to stand down to give other people a chance to experience being part of SACRE. Samantha Tan will be replacing her as the Buddhist representative. Irene spoke about meditation sessions for teachers which are going to be held at the Temple.

Members welcomed Samantha and thanked Irene for her valued input as a member of SACRE for many years.

9. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING; Wednesday 8th July, 6.00 to 8.00**
British Muslim Heritage Centre
College Road
Whalley Range
Manchester
M16 8BP

IWLC to send BP details of sessions for distribution.

SACRE Meeting 3: Tuesday 8th July 2015
Venue: British Muslim Heritage Centre



Trafford Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Tuesday 8th July 2015
British Muslim Heritage Centre
College Road, Whalley Range, M16 8BP
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Name	Representing	Group
Ian Nicholson	Stretford Grammar, Secondary RE Hub School	Chair
Barby Phillips	Adviser to SACRE	In Attendance
Jane Bryan	Adviser to SACRE – in place of Barby Phillips Aug 15	In Attendance
Tracie Eadsforth	SACRE Clerk	In Attendance
Cedric Knipe	Church of the Latter Day Saints	A
Mike Bateman	Humanist Community	A
Deborah Densham	Humanist Community	A
Sandra Stewart	Jewish Faith/Community	A
Irene Wai Lin Chan	Buddhist Faith/Community	A
Kwok Mei Yau	Buddhist Faith/Community (attended)	A
Rosemary Sigee	Chester Diocese	B
Cllr Laurence Walsh	Trafford Council	D

Apologies received and accepted:

Name	Representing	Group
Adrian Hallett	CYPS	
Amanda Topson	Baha'i Faith	A
Linda Davison	Catholic Faith	A
Marika Richardson	Catholic Faith	A
Paul Edwards	Chester Diocese	B
Dawn Farrent	ASCL	C
Sue Baird	NUT	C
Cllr Dolores O'Sullivan	Trafford Council	D
Cllr Ray Bowker	Trafford Council & Chester Diocese	D

Ali Irrgang	Sale Grammar School	Guest
Saima Alvi	Islamic Faith	A/Vice Chair
Laura Daniels	NAHT	C
Dave Kitchen	NASUWT	C
Cllr Bernard Sharp	Trafford Council	D
Cllr Judith Lloyd	Trafford Council	D
Cllr Robert Chilton	Trafford Council	D
Naghneh Jaber	Baha'i Faith/Community	Guest
Bahar Rowshanabady	Baha'I Faith/Community	Guest
Samantha Yan	Buddhist Faith/Community	Guest

1. WELCOME

Ian Nicholson welcomed all members. IN – Not Cohort not proper SACRE. BP and IN write to confirm SACRE report, introduce JB as new SACRE Advisor to replace BP. IN – contacted Manchester SACRE for reps, not heard anything.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted as above.

3. MINUTES OF THE SACRE MEETING ON 3rd March 2015

These were agreed as a true record. CK – Issues raised people of particular faith. People ethnic group's faith. LW – Separate thing inter faith group from locality meeting. GCSE RE changes feedback. Contact Stretford High, Old Trafford Community College, Seymour Park and Kings Road. CK – November event still going ahead moved from Gorton to Ancoats suitable venue. Gone quite a way planning content. CK – further committee meeting on 25th August he hopes to attend.

IN – Welcome back Irene.

4. THIRD GM RE CONFERENCE

Spreading as an annual event. IN – Many thanks to BP. Looking at more secondary than primary, lot of secondary colleagues there. 3 year RE GCSE. Hearing from Coll's Catholic High School A-C syllabus. Venue better than last year, kept the price low, meet as a hub. Contact from Lac proposed 6th June, same as RE exam year 11,12 & 13, need it towards end of June. After last A Level exam after 15th June.

Laura spoken to Britannia Hotel for dates. BP – 20 Trafford schools, 6 or 7 primaries attended more than any other.

IN – Stockport do not have one. IN – Thank you to all members for attending and support.

Lot of faith C of E was there and Catholic.

CK – Self efficient to carry forward (see BP).

IN – You tube link emailed to all SACRE members.

BP – Issue sending power points to schools, as so large. Send power point to Mike Bateman to change to PDF.

BP – Went to all the hub schools. IW – This year put together very good. Network with others without going too far.

BP – Sahaylee group line manager see what out there young men/women no input Trafford schools. 12 Primary 8 Secondary Schools shown interest.

IN – 2 hours with Ofsted Inspector.

MB – Attendance list who was there.

5. Religion and Belief

IN – Report

Nicky Morgan welcomed it when suggested that all schools become Academies Westminster briefing group. Recommendations remove daily worship from all schools. Should have ????? instead. Rename RME have national agreed syllabus.

SACRE would change, but not what taught in locality. Input from remaining SACRE would be included in new syllabus.

IN – ensure place of RE in curriculum should include all belief religions in the UK, reviewed every 5 – 7 years in place of 5 currently. Considering report.

IN – point 8 remove post 16 RE.

1992 legislation schools have to teach anyone under age of 16, remove that requirement.
Point 11, changing role of the SACRE look at what going on in schools, point 12 not commented on in Ofsted report but should be.

Go in and support schools, parents have right to send child to faith school, can download document.

CK – Link to forum Ian to send link and document.

IN – New syllabus no levels in national curriculum 2016, not using in other subjects.

Learning from and about religion subject, not moving with remainder of school.

Content required at KS1, 2 and 3. Lac gave idea buying another authority syllabus.

6. **Agreed Syllabus**

Buy off the shelf. Write an individual syllabus at £10,000 each. 5 members of Greater Manchester Hub at cost of £10,000 spread across the 5 hub schools i.e. £2,000 each.

BP – After agreed syllabus charge schools could run a conference and pay for work done.

MB – Went with National one with it rep Trafford.

IN – Lac would check it for Trafford, 2011 agreed syllabus we have if we had 20 people from Trafford at £100 each would recoup £2000. Meeting chairs of SACRE at Manchester Town Hall on Monday 20th July. Salford started review £200 per day per teacher.

Ian speak to Salford SACRE, bring in local authorities, report back in November. Lac would do all the work for the syllabus. Formally as separate entity to this body. Ian will speak to Adrian Hallett – Head of Trafford Education Standards, state required to supply an agreed syllabus.

JB – has links which she will email to Ian.

CK – Find SACRE in Cheshire East.

7. **GCSE and A Level Changes**

IN – Tutor will come into Trafford free. Rep at AQA, OCR. Pearson was invited but did not August draft. Publishing on 3rd August.

Very few difference will be taught

2 religions

1 hour on Christian

Difference mark's Gospel

OCR 2 religions

Ed excel popular faith schools, 75% one and 25% ANOTHER.

A level ones are study world religion focusing on one religion 3rd of A level for students.

Do not know what taken out of content to put into the specification very few changes.

Will not be agreed until November.

Ian to send out link with contents aligned with this.

Ian will forward copies of contents 3rd August, get sent out to people.

IN – if KS4 this September first exam 2016.

Will publish August type of question for students, larger questions.

2 mark questions at moment will be longer.

A level unseen text, teachers will not see questions. Need grading 1-9 get used too.

1 issue Head of Ofsted wants more text books in school, but no budget to issue text books to students.

OCR Jewish schools, gone now.

BP – employing teachers of another faith is a problem, to teach religion in same schools.

IN – 75% Islam and 25% Christians.

BP – Adrian Hallett emailed BP to request which schools have determinations to freedom information.

Write to schools and visits made brought to SACRE.

Ask what they are doing in place of SACRE.

RS – Had them in the past. DD – Had letters in the past, we write to them.

Do SACRE do the statement?

BP – 4 schools in Trafford not deemed worthy.

Never been an issue in Trafford.

8. AoB

Irene - member moved to Blackley can child go to school in Trafford Council? BP – each school has its own regulations.

IN – Barby's last SACRE meeting JB taking over the role.

Thank Barby for all her hard work for SACRE. Hope to use her for work for conference, JB next contact point.

Goodbye to Barby ☺

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

6.00 – 8.00 p.m. Tuesday 10th November 2015

Stretford Grammar

Granby Road

Stretford

M32 8JB

*Ilan to forward links.

Appendix 4

TRAFFORD SACRE MEMBERSHIP 2013-2014

Committee A:

Baha'i Faith	Amanda Felipe
	Becky Carey
	Naghneh Jaberi
Buddhist	Irene Wai Lin Chan
Catholic Faith	Marika Richardson
	Mrs Linda Davison
Hinduism	Parminder Sharma
Islamic Faith	Dr Nasser Kurdy
	Saima Alvi (Vice Chair)
Jewish Community	Sandra Stewart
Sikh Community	Bobby Singh
United Reformed Church	Paul Brewerton
Church of the Latter Day Saints	Cedric Knipe
Humanist	Deborah Densham
	Mike Bateman
Quaker Faith	Viv Chasey

Committee B:

Church of England	Anne Homer, Manchester Diocese
	2 vacancies, Manchester Diocese
	Rosemary Sigeo, Chester Diocese
	Paul Edwards, Chester Diocese – resigned Nov 15

Committee C:

Teacher Associations	
ASCL	Dawn Farrent – resigned Dec 15
ATL	Jane Reynolds
NUT	Sue Baird
NAS/UWT	David Kitchen
NAHT	Laura Daniels

Committee D:

From June 2013

Cllr Hazel Bowker
Cllr Robert Chilton
Cllr Michael Cornes
Cllr Judith Lloyd
Cllr Delores O'Sullivan
Cllr Laurence Walsh
Cllr Ray Bowker
Cllr Bernard Sharpe

Chair

Ian Nicholson; Stretford Grammar School

In Attendance

Barbara Phillips, Equality & Diversity Service

Jane Bryan, Secondary Advisor

Tracie Eadsforth, Clerk to SACRE

SACRE Development Plan 2014 – 2015

Strategic Objective				To fulfil the Council's Statutory duty to develop an effective SACRE		
Activity 1				To carry out Trafford Council's statutory duty to have a SACRE which meets regularly to advise Trafford Council on matters concerned with RE and Collective Worship and to ensure the induction and training of new SACRE members		
Objectives	Action	Criteria for Success	Strategies/Timescale	Roles/Responsibility	Budget	Review Date
Produce an annual report on the work of SACRE	Using records and papers of meetings, analysis of Ofsted subject summaries, statistics on GCSE and A Level entries and results write a report, with appropriate appendices, on the work of Trafford SACRE	Finalised version of the SACRE report to be sent to Trafford Council and NASACRE by the end of December and published to all schools in Trafford and to the RE PGCE Team at MMU.	Draft report presented at Autumn Term meeting Final report to schools, Council, NASACRE and MMU	Chair of SACRE Clerk to SACRE Adviser to SACRE		Autumn 2014
Review and amend/update the annual SACRE development plan	Review the development plan and up date in the light of DfE and Ofsted	Updated version of the development plan is agreed and included in the annual SACRE report	Development plan agreed by SACRE at Autumn meeting	Chair of SACRE		Autumn 2014

Ensure that SACRE members are well informed about SACRE related issues and contribute to local debates on such issues	Attendance at NASACRE meetings Summary analysis of NASACRE Meeting to be produced Youth SACRE to be held in Spring 2015 – The Monastery, Gorton	Attendance at conference by a member of SACRE Primary and secondary schools in Trafford to attend the Youth SACRE	By December 2014 March 2015	A member of SACRE RE Hub Members	Spring 2015 April 2015
Annual analysis of GCSE and A Level entry and results statistics	Analysis of information about entries and results by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • FSM • Ever 6 • Ethnicity • SEN • EAL 	Analysis to be completed in time for the Autumn Term SACRE meeting and for inclusion in the annual report	October 2014	Chair of SACRE Adviser to SACRE	December 2014
SACRE to receive and consider requests for determinations	Schools reminded they can apply for determinations Schools with determinations are reminded when they expire and invited to reapply.	All schools have active and in date determination and meet statutory requirements for Collective Worship	As required	Adviser to SACRE	On going

Article about the Greater Manchester RE Hub Conference

Written and submitted by Cedric Knipe

Manchester members attend Religious Education Conference

MANCHESTER —

Members of the Church from the Manchester area were invited to attend an event at The Manchester Monastery as an “exhibitor” to provide resource materials for teachers in the local area. The former Franciscan Monastery located in Gorton, East Manchester was the venue for the 2014 session of the annual Religious Education Conference organised by the Greater Manchester RE Hub held on Monday 30 June. The venue had been chosen by the teachers organising the event as a place to find inspiration. The event was attended by 130 teachers responsible for delivering RE lessons in their primary and secondary schools and by 40 faith representatives.



Members of the Church in Manchester attend the Religious Education Conference held at the Manchester Monastery to supply resource materials for teachers. © 2014 by Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

Manchester's Monastery is Pugin's architectural masterpiece. It sits alongside the Taj Mahal and the ancient ruins of Pompeii as having been listed in the 100 most endangered sites in the world, with a rich heritage that should never be lost..

Following a £6.5 million restoration scheme, this hidden treasure has taken its place as one of the UK's most inspiring venues. Visitors remark that every space in The Monastery appears to be blessed with a feeling of well-being. "It's so real, you think you can touch it. " It is increasingly being used as well for local community purposes.

The opportunity to attend this event arose through attendance at the Trafford SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) where its current chair and primary school leader were instrumental in organising the event.

Church representatives Kate Fletcher, Bernard Sheridan, Bernard Austin and Cedric Knipe were drawn from members of the Public Affairs Committees of the Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester areas. They set out the Church's stall with banners, copies of the Book of Mormon, leaflets including the *'My Family'* booklet which proved very popular, pass along cards and an information hand-out explaining how the Church differs from other Christian church. Appointments were also made for classroom visits to a number of primary and secondary schools in the autumn term. Useful connections were strengthened with other faith representatives present, particularly Muslims, Humanists and members of the Baha'I faith, all of whose stalls were nearby and attended the next SACRE as representatives of their faiths.

One of the organisers Laura Daniels, head teacher at Woodheys Primary school in Sale, said 'I am very proud to have been asked to open the conference on behalf of the Greater Manchester RE Hub and present our vision to link with The Monastery as our 'spiritual home'.

The inspirational speakers, including the key note speaker, editor of *'RE Today magazine'*, all emphasised how creative and engaging RE teaching can be and is the glue which holds education and communities together for a future peaceful and tolerant world, where children from all faiths, are Global citizens of the future with a strong moral compass.'