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

#### 1. Establishment and purpose

1.1 The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) is established by Slough Borough Council (“the Council”) in accordance with the Education Act 1996 (Section 390-397).

Members refers to those appointed by the Council to represent interest groups in accordance with the Education Act 1996.

#### 2. Membership

2.1

##### Group 1

Such Christian denominations (except the Church of England) and other religions or beliefs and denominations of such religions or beliefs as, in the opinion of the Council, will appropriately reflect the principal religious traditions or beliefs in the area (total 13)

- 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)
- Humanism (1)

##### Group 2

The Church of England (4);

##### Group 3

Teachers nominated by Professional Associations representing as far as is practicable – Primary, Secondary and Special Schools (6)

##### Group 4

The Council (5)

2.2 Members may be co-opted by SACRE. Co-opted members will have no voting rights.

2.3 Members of SACRE shall serve a term of four years from the date of appointment or until their resignation or until a successor is appointed by the Council. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. The Council may remove any individual if, in its opinion, the individual ceases to be representative of the religion, denomination, belief or association which they were appointed to represent or where appropriate to Group 4, a member of the Council.

2.4 Any Member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings and fails to give their apologies shall cease to be a member of SACRE and the nominating body shall be invited to nominate another representative.

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### **3. Functions and Responsibilities**

3.1 SACRE has responsibility for the following functions :

- (1) As requested by the Council or of its own volition, to advise the local authority on matters connected with:
  - a. religious worship in community schools or foundation schools which do not have a religious character, and
  - b. Religious education, in accordance with the Agreed SyllabusThe matters referred to above include, in particular, teaching methods, choice of materials and teacher training.
- (2) To deal with applications from schools for a determination on whether the statutory requirement for Christian collective worship should apply.
- (3) To determine the manner and form of applications under (2) above.
- (4) To convene from time to time an Agreed Syllabus Conference to review the agreed syllabus. The representative groups on SACRE, other than Group 4, may at any time require a review of the agreed syllabus. Each of the three representative groups concerned shall have a single vote on the question of whether to require such a review.
- (5) To publish an annual report as to the exercise of their functions and any action taken by representative groups on the council under (4) above during the preceding year.

### **4. Chair**

4.1 SACRE will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair at the first meeting of the academic year from among the members of the four groups (1-4). In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall assume the role of Chair. In the absence of both, an interim Chair shall be appointed for the meeting. Voting for the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be by simple majority with each group assigned one vote. The Chair and Vice-Chair can be re-elected for a further year.

### **5. Quorum**

5.1 In order for the SACRE to be quorate, one representative from each group must be present.

### **6. Voting**

6.1 On any question to be decided by the SACRE only the representative Groups on the SACRE shall be entitled to vote, and each Group shall have a single vote in accordance with Section 390(7) of the Education Act 1996.

6.2 Matters to be decided by the SACRE are decided by a majority vote of the Groups that make up the SACRE.

6.3 In the event of a tie, the Chair will have the casting vote.

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### **7. Meetings**

7.1 SACRE shall hold three scheduled meetings per year on dates set by the Council.

### **8. Complaints**

8.1 Any complaints about the SACRE or SACRE members should be submitted to the Council's complaints procedure.