



Coventry City Council

Public report
Cabinet Member report

16 July 2014

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member (Education) - Councillor D Kershaw

Director approving the report:

Director of Education and Inclusion Service

Title

Appointment to the Coventry Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Is this a key decision? No

1. Executive summary

The report asks the Cabinet Member to approve the appointment of a representative of the Coventry Quakers (group 2) to the Coventry Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).

2. Recommendation

The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve the appointment of Eleanor Nesbitt to Group 2 of the Coventry Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education for a period of four years as the representative of Coventry Quakers.

List of Appendices included:

None

Other useful background papers:

None

Has it or will it be considered by scrutiny?

No

Has it, or will it be considered by any other council committee, advisory panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report Title:

Appointments to the Coventry Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

1. Context

1.1 The Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) was established under the Education Reform Act 1988 and comprises four Groups:

- A Church of England group (Group 1);
- A group representing other Christian denominations and other Faiths which reflect the principal religious traditions in the area (Group 2);
- A group representing teachers (Group 3); and,
- A group representing the City Council (Group 4)

1.2 The City Council is responsible for appointing members to the 4 statutory Groups which comprise SACRE. The current membership is given in appendix 1.

1.3 The purpose of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education is to advise the Local Authority on matters concerning religious education in community schools and the religious education provision to be made in accordance with an Agreed Syllabus. These matters may include methods of teaching, training for teachers; and, choice of materials and resources.

2. Proposal

The membership of Group 2 of SACRE is currently under represented. Eleanor Nesbitt of Coventry Quakers has been nominated by the Coventry Quaker Meeting and the Clerk to the Quaker Meeting is fully supportive of the recommendation.

The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve this nomination.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

Not applicable

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

Appointment to be made to enable the nominated representative to attend meetings of SACRE as soon as possible.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Legal Services**5.1 Financial implications**

There are no financial implications.

5.2 Legal implications

The City Council is responsible for establishing a SACRE and appointing its members.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / LAA (or Coventry SCS)

Not applicable

6.2 How is risk being managed?

Not applicable

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

Not applicable

6.4 Equalities / EIA

Not applicable

6.5 Implications for (or impact on?) the environment

Not applicable

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

Not applicable

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**Coventry Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education, SACRE
Membership 2014**

Chair of SACRE (Appointed by the LA)

David Stanier

Group 1 (Church of England, 5 members)

Canon Margaret Sedgwick
Emma Griffiths
Reverend Paul Messam
Chris Mellers
Reverend Nicholas Scott

Group 2 (Other Christian denominations and other Faiths, minimum of 12, maximum 14 members)

Jonathan Passman	(Jewish)
Ajahn Manapo	(Buddhist)
Helen Maoudis	(Greek Orthodox)
Balwant Singh	(Sikh)
Nasreen Akhlaq	(Muslim)
Harish Dhokia	(Hindu)
Claire Rutter	(Catholic)
Pauline Lockett	(Free Church)
Ram Krishan	(Hindu)
Bimla Paul	(Sikh)

Group 3 (Associations representing teachers, 5 members)

Steve Spriggs	ATL
Lesley Cavill	NASUWT
Angela Dawes	NAHT
Pam McKiernan	NUT
Carol Buchanan	ASCL

Group 4 (Local Authority, 5 members)

Cllr Joe Clifford
Christian Cliffe
Reverend Terry Colling
Manjit Kaur – **Vice Chair**
Gyll Brown

Co-opted Members (appointed by other SACRE members)

Ms J Everington	(University of Warwick)
Lizzie McWhirter	(Diocesan Board of Education)
Sandra Durkin	(Humanist)
Tarina Slater	
Dilwyn Hunt	(National RE Adviser)