



# Rutland County Council

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

A meeting of the **RUTLAND SACRE (STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)** will be held via Zoom - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83235135732> on **Tuesday, 12th March, 2024** commencing at **4.30 pm** when it is hoped you will be able to attend.

Yours faithfully

Mark Andrews  
**Chief Executive**

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## **A G E N D A**

### **A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION**

We gather together here today intent on doing good work.

We seek to represent fairly and well, those who have given us this task.

May our efforts be blessed with insight, guided by understanding and wisdom.

We seek to serve with respect for all.

May our personal beliefs give us strength to act honestly and well in all matters before us.

### **1) WELCOME AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

### **2) RECORD OF MEETING**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Rutland SACRE held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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### **3) ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

No.	Ref:	Action	Allocated to:
1	3	The RE Adviser to finalise and send	<b>Amanda Fitton</b>

		the drafted letter regarding RE teacher recruitment to all Councillors and the local MP with a copy also sent to the Clerk for distribution to the Rutland SACRE members.	
<b>2</b>	3	Following her meeting with the two Secondary Teacher Representatives regarding how their schools were meeting the statutory requirement that all pupils were entitled to religious education at the end of Year 11, the RE Adviser would send a copy of her report to the Clerk for distribution to the Rutland SACRE members.	<b>Amanda Fitton</b>
<b>3</b>	3	A letter from SACRE should be sent to all Rutland schools once the examination data had been verified, to promote the values of religious education and positively influence the decision maker.	<b>Gurdev Singh</b>
<b>4</b>	4b  9	The RE Adviser and the Learning and Skills Service Manager to draft a press statement and send it to the Council's Communications Team via the Clerk for publication.  Quotes from the Ofsted inspection reports regarding the teaching of RE in Rutland schools to be included in the press statement.	<b>Amanda Fitton, Lizzie Papworth, Jane Narey</b>
<b>5</b>	4c	The Learning and Skills Service Manager would produce a matrix of what RE curriculum/syllabus schools were using plus details of the RE lead in each school.	<b>Lizzie Papworth</b>
<b>6</b>	4c	The SACRE sub-group to meet to discuss the following and report back at the next meeting:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Summarise the content of the Rutland SACRE webpage.</li> <li>➤ Identify how the Rutland SACRE webpage would be maintained.</li> <li>➤ Identify how Rutland SACRE could better communicate/engage with schools.</li> <li>➤ Identify how the Rutland SACRE might better support RE teaching in schools.</li> </ul>	<b>Rutland Sub-Group</b>
<b>7</b>	5	Members to contact the Clerk before	<b>ALL</b>

		the 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023, with any comments/ amendments to the Annual Report. The Clerk to publish the finalised Annual Report 2022-2023 in January 2024 and submit a copy to NASACRE.	<b>Jane Narey</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	The RE Adviser confirmed that she would contact the leads for the East Anglia and East Midlands RE Hubs and request that Rutland SACRE be included in the East Anglia RE Hub.	<b>Amanda Fitton</b>

**4) SACRE AGREED SYLLABUS SCHOOLS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

To receive the schools' questionnaire from Amanda Fitton, RE Adviser for Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Rutland County Councils for review and approval prior to it being sent to schools for completion.

**5) SACRE SUB-GROUP: REPORT AND PROPOSED ACTIONS**

To receive a report from Rev. McWhirter to:

- Summarise the content of the Rutland SACRE webpage.
- Identify how the Rutland SACRE webpage would be maintained.
- Identify how Rutland SACRE could better communicate/engage with schools.
- Identify how the Rutland SACRE might better support RE teaching in schools.

**6) SACRE MEMBERS ENGAGEMENT WITH SCHOOLS**

A discussion regarding SACRE members engagement with and attendance at Rutland schools.  
(Pages 15 - 16)

**7) HOUSE OF LORDS: QUALITY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS IN ENGLAND**

A discussion following the publication of the report from the House of Lords: [Quality of religious education in schools in England](#) on how SACRE could address some of the issues.

**8) RUTLAND RE EXAM RESULTS: VERIFIED DATA**

To receive details of the verified Rutland RE exam results from Elizabeth Papworth, Service Manager – Learning and Skills, RCC.  
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## **STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

### **9) UPDATE ON NETWORK MEETINGS**

To receive an update from Amanda Fitton, RE Adviser for Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Rutland County Councils.

### **10) TRAINING ATTENDED BY SACRE MEMBERS**

To receive a verbal update from Members of SACRE on any training attended.

### **11) WORK PLAN**

To review/update Rutland SACRE's Work Plan for 2023-2024.  
(Pages 19 - 20)

### **12) ANY URGENT BUSINESS**

### **13) DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 4.30 p.m.

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## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **MEMBERS OF THE RUTLAND SACRE (STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION):**

<b>GROUP A – Representatives of faiths (other than Church of England) and worldviews</b>		
1.	Gurdev Singh (CHAIR)	The Sikh Faith
2.	Bjoern Finke	The Roman Catholic Church
3.	Julia Ewans	Humanist UK
4.	Madeleine Gilbert	The Baptist Church
5.	Sheila Gewolb	The Jewish Faith

<b>GROUP B – Church of England Representatives</b>		
6.	Daniel Alfieri	Peterborough Diocese
7.	James McWhirter (Revd) (VICE CHAIR)	Rutland Deanery
8.	Mary-Anne Marples	Peterborough Diocese

<b>GROUP C – Teacher Representatives</b>		
9.	Cara Topping	Primary Teacher Representative
10.	Kieran Hughes	Secondary Teacher Representative

11.	Megan Davis	Primary Teacher Representative
12.	Sam Brooks	Secondary Teacher Representative

<b>GROUP D – Local Education Authority Representatives</b>		
13.	Councillor Christine Wise	Rutland County Councillor
14.	Councillor Steve McRobb	Rutland County Councillor
15.	Councillor Rosemary Powell (SUBSTITUTE)	Rutland County Councillor

**Quorum:** One representative from each group must be in attendance.

<b>Local Education Authority Officers</b>		
16.	Amanda Fitton	RE Adviser, Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Rutland County Councils
17.	Lizzie Papworth	Service Manager – Learning and Skills, RCC
18.	Jane Narey	Clerk, RCC