

Nottingham City Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)



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Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):	
The Constitution of SACRE was revised and updated in 2018/19, but has not yet been approved as subsequent meetings have not been quorate. It is proposed to make two amendments to the previously circulated version of the Constitution, attached.	
Recommendation(s):	
1	The Chair recommends that the SACRE meetings will be quorate with one member per required Group, not two. (Proceedings, P15)
2	The Chair recommends that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association be added as an additional group under GROUP A (Christian and other religious faiths)

1 Reasons for recommendations

- 1.1 A reduction in the minimum attendance per group for a meeting to be quorate would enable the efficient management of SACRE business.
- 1.2 The inclusion of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association reflects the engagement of this faith group in Nottingham City and their willingness to be actively engaged in SACRE business. They already attend meetings of the Relationship and Sex Education Group and provide school visits to the Mosque.

2 Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money/VAT)

- 2.1 There are no financial implications of the proposed changes

3 Legal and Procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, Crime and Disorder Act and procurement implications)

- 3.1 There are no legal or procurement issues for the proposed changes. SACREs have the ability to reflect the local community in the representatives of Group A.

4 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 4.1 The Constitution of SACRE has been compiled with regard to the Statutory legislation and guidance in establishing SACRE. All Local Authorities are required by chapter 3 (paragraphs 375-399) of the Education Act 1996 to constitute a SACRE. These arrangements set out the framework within which the SACRE may function, and the content reflects, and is required, by the Act. The constitution also reflects the requirements of Circular 1194 for the SACRE to broadly represent the proportionate strength of local religious groups, in terms of equality impact and proportionate representation.

5 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 5.1 Nottingham City SACRE Constitution and legal documentation referenced above.