

## **Torbay Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, 19 November 2025 at 10.00 am  
to be held in Goodrington Room & Hybrid

### **Membership**

Y Alnassar	Laura Kendell
Bill Becher	Liz Kilkelly
Claire Bird	Maia Miller
Nikki Boone	Kim Moore-Cullen
Councillor Martin Brook	Ed Pawson
Helen Brown	Jeremy Roberts
Katy Burns	Lisa Robillard-Webb
Councillor Nick Bye	Angela Sumner
Councillor Margaret Douglas-Dunbar	Abdullah Thomson
Lyndsay Thomas	Laura Twamley
Sheila Gewolb	Belinda Twiggs
Corrinne Guntrip	Councillor Ras Virdee
Sivita Harrison	Mark Witchell

1. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair, and Group spokespersons**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 6)
4. **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**
5. **Torbay SACRE membership updates**
6. **Curriculum and Assessment review update**
7. **Standards: schools monitoring and Ofsted reports (report)** (Pages 7 - 10)
8. **Learn Teach Lead RE: updates and funding (report)** (Pages 11 - 12)
9. **Regional and National Developments: RE Hubs, Bursary,**

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**Louise Willmott,**

## **ITE and undergraduate course closures**

10. **Holocaust Memorial Day 27/01/2026**
11. **SW SACRE conference**
12. **NASACRE 'in conversation' and training sessions**
13. **CW guidance review**
14. **Local govt reorganisation**  
[Interim plan for local government reorganisation impacting on Torbay - Torbay Council](#)
15. **Future meetings**  
Monday 9th February  
Wednesday 17th June

## Meeting Minutes: SACRE - Torbay

Date: 9 June 2025

Time: 08:51 AM

Location: Hybrid (Torbay Town Hall and Online)

Chair: Laura Twamley (on behalf of Jeremy Roberts)

### 1. Attendees

- Hannah Baker – Strategic Lead for Education, Torbay Council
- Angela Sumner – Church of England, NHS Foundation Trust
- Maia Miller – Pagan Community Representative
- Sheila Gewolb – Jewish Faith Representative
- Mark Witchell – RE Lead, Sherwell Valley Primary
- Laura Kendell – Headteacher, Tor Primary
- Christine Carter – Councilor, Torbay Council
- Nick Bye – Councilor, Wellswood Ward
- Nikki Boone – South Devon College
- Lisa Robillard Webb – Humanists UK
- Lyndsay Thomas – St. Michael's Academy
- Katy Burns – Headteacher, Galmpton Primary
- Abdullah Thomson – Muslim Representative
- Ed Pawson – Adviser, RE Hubs Lead
- Louise Willmott – PA to Divisional Director of Children's Services

### Apologies for Absence

- Claire Bird
- Margaret Douglas Dunbar
- Kim Moore Cullen
- Liz Kilkelly
- Jeremy Roberts
- Sivita Harrison
- Belinda Twiggs
- Martin Brook
- Helen Brown
- Ras Virdee
- L Thomas

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Maia Miller queried whether the donation to LITRA was completed – confirmed by Hannah Baker that it had been actioned.

### **3. Items requiring urgent attention**

None

### **4. Membership Updates**

Welcomed new members: Abdullah Thomson (Muslim Rep) and Mark Witchell (Teacher Rep).

One Church of England vacancy noted.

### **5. Standard: Schools monitoring and Ofsted Reports**

Only one inspection noted (Roselands not Redlands).

Positive mention of assemblies and religious education.

### **6. Devon and Torbay SACRE: agreed syllabus survey results (report)**

30 responses received (28 analyzed).

96% of schools use the new syllabus; 71% is fully implemented.

96% of RE taught by class teachers; some support from HLTAs.

Confidence in delivering the syllabus is moderate; training needs identified.

Humanism and diversity units well received.

Concerns raised about limited engagement from academies.

### **7. Training and CPD**

Learn Teach Lead Hub meeting rescheduled to 10 July (online).

Focus: Maximising visitors and visits for RE.

Sheila Gewolb shared details of Board of Deputies' Q&A sessions for teachers.

Lisa Robillard Webb and others offered to support virtual visits.

### **8. Regional and National Developments: RE Hubs, Curriculum and Assessment review**

Curriculum and Assessment Review: RE is one of three subjects under detailed review.

National Content Standard for RE gaining traction.

Concerns over RE teacher recruitment and training bursaries.

Ed Pawson highlighted the need for systemic support and funding.

### **9. AREIAC/AULRE conference on 26/7 June at Exeter University**

Positive feedback on recent conferences.

Sheila Gewolb noted structural changes at NASACRE and upcoming training.

Lord Karan Bilimoria's video message on the importance of RE was shared.

### **Future Events**

October RE Conference in St. Mellion.

Next SACRE meeting: 19 November 2025.

Jewish Culture Month announced: 16 May – 14 June 2026.

### **10. Robin Shepherd Memorial lecture: Anna Strhan lecture 26<sup>th</sup> June**

### **11. Young Ambassadors: visit to Parliament (report)**

### **12. Faith and Belief schools' visitors**

### **13. NASACRE/SACRE conferences feedback**

### **14. NASACRE training sessions**

### **Action Points**

Action	Responsible	Deadline
Circulate Jewish calendar to avoid future meeting clashes	Sheila Gewolb	Before next meeting
Share flyer for Board of Deputies Q&A session (17 June)	Sheila Gewolb	ASAP
Follow up with academies on RE engagement and training	Ed Pawson, Hannah Baker	Ongoing – to discuss
Circulate PowerPoint and survey links	Louise Willmott	Post-meeting

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Title: **Ofsted monitoring**

This report relates to the monitoring of Ofsted reports for Torbay schools

To: **Torbay SACRE** On: 10/11/25

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## 1. Key points and Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update SACRE members on the findings published in recent Ofsted reports, particularly where comments relate to Religious Education (RE), collective worship or Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development (SMSC) of pupils. Where appropriate, the report may recommend that SACRE officers should contact specified schools to either congratulate them on their outstanding practice, or to offer curriculum support in specified areas.
- 1.2 Only one primary school and one secondary school have been inspected since our last meeting.

**Jeremy Roberts**  
**Chair of SACRE**

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## Ofsted reports May - Oct 2025

Torbay schools

This report shows the comments which have been made in Ofsted reports in areas that relate to the work of SACRE.

Primary School	Q of E grade	PD grade	Date	Comments relevant to SACRE monitoring	Deep Dive	Comments
Cockington	Good	Good	10/06	Pupils also benefit from opportunities to share and learn about the different backgrounds from people in their community. These experiences help pupils to be well prepared for life in modern Britain.		

Secondary School	Q of E Grade	PD Grade	Date	Comments relevant to SACRE monitoring	Deep Dive	Comments
St Cuthbert Mayne	Good	Good	07/07			

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Title: **Learn, Teach, Lead RE (LTLRE) report**

This report relates to the SACRE supported initiative now in its fourteenth year, which seeks to support RE through local hubs across Devon, Torbay, Plymouth and Cornwall.

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- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update SACRE members on the progress of the Learn, Teach, Lead RE (LTLRE) hub network.
- 1.2 Hub leaders' training (2025/6): 16/10/25 (pm), 6/3/26 and 3/7/26.
- 1.3 The Torbay/South Devon LTLRE hub group continues to be successful, with termly meetings attracting a good number of teachers of RE. These meetings take place both in person and online, depending on the context and topic being covered.
- 1.4 The annual conference was held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at St Mellion, with a theme of Embracing Diversity and Inclusion through a Religion and Worldviews approach to RE.
- 1.5 This was a very successful day with 100 delegates attending: 72% strongly agreed and 22% agreed that the training met their expectations (5% were neutral).
- 1.6 LTLRE requests that Torbay SACRE continues to support the training of LTLRE hub leaders through the payment of £500 for the academic year 2025/6.

**Jeremy Roberts**  
**Chair of SACRE**

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