

**SACRE COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE  
CYNGOR GWYNEDD**

**(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020)**

**4 July 2023**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Menna Baines, Anne Lloyd Jones, Meryl Roberts and Paul Rowlinson

**Others:**

**Christian, Other Religions and Non-religious Philosophical Convictions :**

Nathan Abrams (Judaism), Eurfryn Davies (The Baptist Union of Wales), Bethan Davies Jones (The Union of Welsh Independents), Reverend Nick Sissons (The Methodist Church) and Gwawr M Williams (Presbyterian Church of Wales)

**Teachers:** Miriam Amlyn (NAS/UWT), Heledd W Jones (NEU) and Eleri Moss (Headteachers' Representative)

**Officers :** Garem P Jackson (Head of the Education Department), Einir Rh Davies, Ffion E Evans and M Eirian Roberts (Members Support Officers), B Mair Huws (Assistant Resources Officer and SACRE Clerk) and Glesni M Foulkes (Translator)

**Apologies:** Councillors Elin Walker Jones, John P Roberts, Angela Russell and Beca Brown and Eirian Bradley Roberts (The Catholic Church)

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**SUBJECT**

Item 2 : ELECT CHAIR

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**DECISION**

To re-elect Councillor Menna Baines as Chair of this Committee for the 2023/24 period.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 3 : ELECT VICE-CHAIR

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**DECISION**

To re-elect Councillor Meryl Roberts as Vice-chair of this Committee for the 2023/24 period

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 8 : DRAFT SACRE ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

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**DECISION**

Accept the Draft SACRE Annual Report 2021-2022 subject to revising 3.1 to include a reference to the Cabinet's decision in 2019 to adapt the constitution to expand the representation of religions on SACRE and to reflect the changes in the names of Teachers' Unions.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted

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No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 9 : UPDATE : PRESENT COLLECTIVE WORSHIP GUIDELINES

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**DECISION**

It was not possible to receive enough nominations to establish a Working Party to update the Current Collective Worship Guidelines (in accordance with the decision in the SACRE meeting on 14 March, 2023). As a result it was decided to accept Reverend Nick Sissons offer to look into the guidelines and report back at the next meeting. Another name was put forward to undertake the work jointly, but said member was not present.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 10 : SPECIALIST SUPPORT TO THE SACRE

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**DECISION**

Following an update from the Head of Education, the committee decided to give their seal of approval for the Head to discuss the possibility of commissioning specialist support for the SACRE through GwE, and to move the matter forward as soon as possible.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted

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**SUBJECT**

Item 11 : WASACRE MATTERS

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**DECISION**

The correspondence was accepted whilst noting

- i. Guidelines for Visiting Schools : a very comprehensive and useful document.
  - ii. New Professional Teaching Opportunities for Religion, Values and Ethics : ask GwE to hold a discussion regarding the new model and its suitability for giving Religion, Values and Ethics the due attention, whilst considering the provision of resources through the medium of Welsh. It was also decided to write a letter regarding the provision of Welsh Language Resources (to ensure that they'll be available the same time as the English resources) in the name of SACRE, the Head of Education and the Cabinet Member for Education to WJEC's Chief Executive, Head of WJEC Resource Department, The Education Minister and the Welsh Subcommittee
  - iii. WASACRE Draft Minutes 21 March, 2023 : note from the papers that WASACRE has work to update a number of documents such as the Joining SACRE Booklet to do in due course
  - iv. Qualifications Wales Consultation: support the WASACREs response
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted

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