

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Standing Advisory Council for Religion, Values and Ethics (SAC) – Recruitment Panel pre-meeting held at Remote Meeting on Monday, 26th February, 2024 at 12.30 pm

PRESENT: County Councillors: Jill Bond, Louise Brown, Rachel Buckler, Paul Pavia and Angela Sandles

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sharon Randall-Smith	Head of Achievement and Attainment
Wendy Barnard	Democratic Services Officer
Geraint Edwards	Solicitor

APOLOGIES:

County Councillor Martyn Groucutt

1. Discussion on how the recruitment panel will operate

Following approval of the report entitled Membership of the Standing Advisory Council (SAC) and Future Recruitment Arrangements at a Special meeting of SAC on 7th February 2024, the LA representatives met to discuss future arrangements for the recruitment of Faith and Belief representatives. The following points were agreed:

- Recruitment Panel to consist of Chair, Vice Chair, and one from each of the two largest political groups from the current SAC membership with named substitutes allowed. It was agreed:
 - i) Cllr Angela Sandles to represent the Labour Group with Cllr Bond as substitute.
 - ii) Cllr Pavia to represent the Conservative Group with Cllr Buckler as substitute.
 - iii) Quorum: 3
- Letter to be sent to Town and Community Councils to seek expressions of interest in Faith and Belief representative vacancies.
 - i) Sharon Randall-Smith to forward a draft of an advert to recruit LA Governors to Cllr Louise Brown to adapt and circulate to all present today to confirm the contents. Clerk to send the letter.
- It was decided that the completed application form can be validated by the organisation the applicant represents by an email to either Wendy or Sharon. The form and e mail to be considered by the panel.
- Application Form to be amended to ask if the applicant resides or works mainly in Monmouthshire. Clerk to check if the applications already received cover this point.
- The panel will meet once the town and community councils have had opportunity to contact faith and belief organisations in the local area so should meet before the June meeting/after the March meeting.
- Discussion on Current Members to be an item on the next SAC meeting agenda.

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The meeting ended at 1.28 pm