

Tuesday, 15 September 2026

**Notice of meeting****Standing Advisory Council for Religion, Values and Ethics (SAC)****Wednesday, 23rd September, 2026 at 3.00 pm,  
Remote meeting held on Microsoft Teams****AGENDA**

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| 1.      | Apologies for Absence                          |         |
| 2.      | Declarations of Interest                       |         |
| 3.      | To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting | 1 - 10  |
| 4.      | Matters Arising                                | 11 - 14 |
| 5.      | GCSE & A Level Results 2026 - Brief Analysis   | 15 - 18 |
| 6.      | Agreed Syllabus Review                         | 19 - 22 |
| 7.      | Wave 3 Qualifications Update                   |         |
| 8.      | Estyn Updates                                  |         |
| 9.      | Membership and Recruitment                     |         |
| 10.     | Youth Voice                                    |         |
| 11.     | Professional Learning (LASIS)                  |         |
| 12.     | WASACRE Updates                                | 23 - 30 |
|         | Welsh Translation for minutes are to follow.   |         |
| 13.     | Any Other Business                             | 31 - 42 |

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**Paul Matthews**

**Chief Executive**

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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| County Councillor Louise Brown   | Shirenewton;          | Welsh Conservative Party      |
| County Councillor Rachel Buckler | Devauden;             | Welsh Conservative Party      |
| County Councillor John Crook     | Magor East with Undy; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru     |
| County Councillor Paul Pavia     | Mount Pleasant;       | Welsh Conservative Party      |
| County Councillor Angela Sandles | Magor East with Undy; | Labour and Co-Operative Party |
| County Councillor Laura Wright   | Grofield;             | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru     |

**Representing the Church in Wales (1)**

Clare Werrett

**Representing the Roman Catholic Church (1)**

Bev Bannon

**Representing Free Churches (4)**

Revd. J. Greaves

Vacancy

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**Representing the Bahá'í Faith (1)**

Mrs S. Cave

**Representing the Buddhist Faith (1)**

Vacancy

**Representing the Hindu Faith (1)**

Vacancy

**Representing the Jewish Faith (1)**

Vacancy

**Representing the Sikh Faith (1)**

Vacancy

**Representing the Muslim Faith (1)**

Maddie Saraireh

## **Representing Non Religious Philosophical Convictions**

Phillip Middleton

## **Representing the Teachers Associations (7)**

Mrs C. Rhodes

Tina Bryant

Gareth James

Claire Rosato

Susan Marles

Vacancy

Vacancy

## **Co-opted Members (2)**

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## **R.E Advisor**

Hayley Jones (EAS)

## **Representing Chief Officer, Children and Young People**

Sharon Randall-Smith

## **Public Information**

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### **Welsh Language**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public through the medium of Welsh or English. We respectfully ask that you provide us with adequate notice to accommodate your needs.

# Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

## Our purpose

- to become a zero-carbon county, supporting well-being, health and dignity for everyone at every stage of life.

## Objectives we are working towards

- Fair place to live where the effects of inequality and poverty have been reduced;
- Green place to live and work with reduced carbon emissions and making a positive contribution to addressing the climate and nature emergency;
- Thriving and ambitious place, where there are vibrant town centres and where businesses can grow and develop
- Safe place to live where people have a home where they feel secure in;
- Connected place where people feel part of a community and are valued;
- Learning place where everybody has the opportunity to reach their potential

## Our Values

**Openness.** We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

**Fairness.** We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

**Flexibility.** We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

**Teamwork.** We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

**Kindness:** We will show kindness to all those we work with putting the importance of relationships and the connections we have with one another at the heart of all interactions.

