

SACRE – 7 JULY 2016

Nomination of Representatives from Faith Groups to Fill Vacancies on Committee "A" (Christian and Other Denominations)

To seek the views of Committee "A" (Christian and Other Denominations) on the nomination of faith representatives to fill three vacancies on Committee "A" and to forward their nominations to Councillor Mrs P A Bradwell, Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services, who has responsibility for making the final decision on this matter.

There are three vacancies on Committee "A" (Christian and Other Religious Denominations), which can have up to 10 members, following the departures of faith representatives from the Lincolnshire Jewish community, the United Reformed Church and the Society of Friends. **Committee "A" has responsibility for the "method of electing their representative and be responsible for whom they nominate to represent them on the SACRE".**

In accordance with SACRE's constitution it states that Committee "A" should "reflect the variety and numerical representation of different faith groups in the Local Authority and should have the support of their faith group community in Lincolnshire and should be nominated by the appropriate local faith group".

For information the most up to date statistics are as follows:-

2011 Census: Religion and belief in England and Wales/Lincolnshire

	England/Wales %	Lincolnshire %
Christian	59.3	68.5
Buddhist	0.5	0.2
Hindu	1.5	0.2
Jewish	0.5	0.1
Muslim	4.8	0.4
Sikh	0.8	0.1
None	25.1	23.1

- Christianity remains the most prominent religion or belief in Lincolnshire

- This decline has been met with an increase of people of No Religion, which increased by 110% to 30,456 residents.
- Despite only accounting for 1% of Lincoln's population, Islam was the fastest growing religion in Lincoln over the last decade