

**WALSALL COUNCIL STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - MONDAY, 15 JULY 2024**

**ELECTION OF SPOKESPERSON FOR GROUPS**

1. Paragraph (vii) of the Constitution provides that:-

“At the Annual Meeting, each group shall elect a Spokesperson who shall also act as Chairman of the Group if necessary. The spokesperson must allow all Members of the Group to express an opinion and vote. A record of this vote shall be reported to the full meeting, but the single vote of the Group must be cast in favour of the simple majority of the Group. In the case of a tied vote the whole group must be presented as an abstention.”

- Paragraph (viii) of the Constitution provides that:-

“There shall be a permanent sub-group of the Council able to give immediate guidance to officers (especially the Religious Education Adviser) and to deal with urgent business between meetings. This sub-section shall consist of the Chairperson and the Spokesperson of each of the three Groups other than the one to which the Chairperson belongs. Members may meet or consult informally by letter or telephone.”

2. Members of the Committee are requested to put forward nominations for Spokesperson for their individual groups at the meeting on **15<sup>th</sup> July 2024**. I would remind Members that the person so nominated would then become Members of the permanent sub-group which would deal with urgent business between meetings.
3. For information, the Spokespersons appointed for the 2023-24 Municipal Year were:

Group A	Christian and other religious denominations.	Mr. B. Green
Group B	Church of England	Mrs P. Lane
Group C	Teacher Representatives	Ms H. Leadley
Group D	Local Authority	Councillor I. Hussain

**Edward Cook**  
**Democratic Services Officer**