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Councillor Gail Giles  
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Dear Councillor Gail Giles

As you may be aware, the Newport City Council Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) does not currently admit a member to represent views of non-religious views.

I am a life-long humanist, a member of Humanists UK and have a degree (BA Open), which focussed on Religious Studies. I am currently employed as Fundraising Manager at Techniquet science and discovery centre and have links with Newport, having worked as an assistant social worker, with responsibility for the education of Looked After Children. I am writing to ask you to consider me as a full member of the Newport City Council SACRE.

As you may be aware, some SACREs in Wales and over half in England have chosen to include humanist representatives and I believe I would make valuable contribution to the work of the SACRE due to my background in religious studies and philosophy and as a humanist, to ensure religious education remains diverse and relevant in Newport.

Humanists UK have agreed to endorse and support my application and will write shortly to confirm this. I hope you consider me to be a strong candidate for this position.

Yours sincerely

Clare James