

RE Council Review of Religious Education

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To update the SACRE on the RE Council Review of Religious Education and to advise the SACRE of the response to the consultation issued on its behalf.

2. Recommendations

The SACRE is recommended to:

- 2.1 To note the Preliminary Report of the RE Curriculum of the RE Council and the response submitted from the SACRE by the SACRE Working Group.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The SACRE were advised at the last meeting that the RE Council for England and Wales (REC) had been asked by the Government to carry out a review of the RE curriculum and were due to issue a preliminary report in November and ask for a response.
- 3.2 A Working Group was appointed at the last meeting to consider the draft and submit a response if required prior to the next meeting of the SACRE or bring it back for final comments.
- 3.3 A copy of the Preliminary Report of the RE Curriculum and an Addendum to the report is attached at Appendix 1 for the SACRE's information.
- 3.4 A Working Group of Katy Staples, Mark Cawte and Paul Sunners met on 19th November to consider the report. In broad terms the Working Group supported the report, but wished to make a small number of comments in response to the consultation. This response is attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.5 As the deadline for submission was invited by 3rd December, this response was circulated to all SACRE Members who have provided email addresses to the clerk for comments and submitted on 2nd December. In addition, all Members of SACRE are advised that they can make individual comments directly, if they wish to do so.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 Any alternative options for the SACRE are set out above.

Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Katy Staples, SACRE Advisor, katy.staples@bristoldiocese.org, 0117 906 0100

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5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications relating to this report.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 There are no specific legal or human rights implications relating to this report.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 No other implications have been identified.

Links to One Swindon, Strategic Objectives, Plans and Policies

- 5.4 The work of the SACRE seeks to support Theme 5 of the Community Strategy, for “Swindon to be a place where high aspirations are supported by superb education provision for all ages”.

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.5 A Diversity Impact Assessment has not been completed for this report, as it does not relate to a specific policy or strategy change.

Risk Management

- 5.6 There are no risk management factors which have been identified in relation to this report.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Board Director Finance, Revenues, Benefits and Property (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Preliminary Report of the RE Curriculum from the RE Council.
8.2 Appendix 2 – Response from Swindon SACRE.