

SACRE Self-Evaluation and Development Plan

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 ask the SACRE to consider the summary of its self-evaluation and responses received to date on the Survey of teachers, and discuss the SACRE Draft Development Plan 2012/14.

2. Recommendations

The SACRE is recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider the outcome of the self-evaluation exercise undertaken at the last meeting and make any amendments to the judgements made, as appropriate.
- 2.2 Consider the responses received to date on the survey of Schools on teaching of the Locally Agreed Syllabus.
- 2.3 Consider and agree a new Development Plan for the SACRE for 2012/14.
- 2.4 Consider nominating a representative to attend the South West SACRE Conference on 14th March 2013.

3. Detail

SACRE Self-Evaluation

- 3.1 At the last meeting the SACRE undertook a self-evaluation exercise using the Ofsted Self-Assessment Toolkit. A summary is set out at Appendix '1'. Where appropriate comments have been added by the SACRE Advisor. The SACRE is invited to discuss and amend any of the judgements made. A copy of the Self-Assessment Toolkit will be available for reference at the meeting.

Survey of Schools

- 3.2 Since the last meeting, the SACRE Advisor has issued a questionnaire to Swindon Schools on the teaching of RE in accordance with the Locally Agreed Syllabus. During the period of the survey, 25 responses were received, 16 from primary schools and 9 from secondary schools. The SACRE Advisor will present a summary of the survey results at the meeting for discussion.

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Draft Development Plan 2012/14

- 3.3 The SACRE Advisor, in consultation with the Vice-Chair, has drawn up a new Development Plan for the SACRE for 2012/14. This will supersede the 2010/12 Development Plan currently in place. The Draft Development Plan is attached at Appendix '2', for the SACRE to consider and amend in the light of the self-evaluation and the school survey results.

South West SACRE Conference

- 3.4 A South West SACRE Conference is being held on 14th March 2013 at Dillington House in Somerset. The cost of places is £70 + VAT. The conference this year will include a key note speaker, the Chair of the RE Council' Subject Review Committee, Dr Bill Gent.
- 3.5 Given the current context of RE, and the importance of the RE Subject Review for the SACRE's work this year, it is suggested that a representative of the SACRE be nominated to attend the conference, to be funded from the SACRE Budget. This nominee should also be able to use the new information to the benefit of Swindon Schools.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 The SACRE can set its own Development Plan, in line with its statutory responsibilities.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 A £5k annual budget is provided to support the SACRE's work, which includes funding for support from the SACRE Advisor. Any activities identified as a result of this report, will be funded from this budget.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 The report has no specific legal or human rights implications.

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".

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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 - Summary of SACRE Self-Assessment.
8.2 Appendix 2 – Draft SACRE Development Plan 2012/14