

SACRE Annual Report 2011/12 and Development Plan 2012/14

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education 19 March 2013

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Wards: All

Locality Affected: All

Parishes Affected: All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To consider the draft Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) Annual Report covering the period September 2011 to August 2012, including the RE examination results for 2012. The SACRE is required by Section 391 of the Education Act 1996 to produce an Annual Report of the exercise of its functions during the preceding year.
- 1.2 To receive an update on the SACRE Survey results.
- 1.3 To consider any updates required to the approved Development Plan for 2012/14.

2. Recommendations

The SACRE is recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider the draft SACRE's Annual Report attached at Appendix '1' and the authorise the SACRE Advisor to finalise and submit the report to NASACRE, taking into account any comments provided by SACRE Members.
- 2.2 Note the summary of the Swindon Examination Results for 2012, and consider any support required to Swindon schools from the SACRE.
- 2.3 Note the analysis of the SACRE Survey Results requested at the last meeting as attached at Appendix 2'.
- 2.4 That the SACRE consider and approve any amendments to its Development Plan, as attached at Appendix '3', which was adopted at the last meeting.

3. Detail

Draft Annual Report

- 3.1 The draft Annual Report of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education is attached at Appendix '1' for the SACRE's consideration. The SACRE is asked to consider the draft report and to authorise the SACRE Advisor to finalise the Annual Report and submit it to be collated nationally by the NASACRE.

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RE Results.

- 3.2 The Head of Commissioning - Economy /Attainment will attend the meeting to present and provide context to the Religious Education examination results which are included within the Annual Report.
- 3.3 The SACRE is asked to consider any actions required to support schools arising from the results.

RE Survey

- 3.4 At the last meeting the SACRE received the results of a questionnaire to Swindon Schools on the teaching of RE in accordance with the Locally Agreed Syllabus. The results of the survey are reflected in the SACRE Annual Report. The SACRE requested a further analysis the results by phase, and this is attached at Appendix 2.

Draft Development Plan 2012/14

- 3.5 The SACRE approved its Development Plan for 2012/14 at the last meeting, subject to confirmation of the SACRE budget for 2013/14 on which it was based. The budget for SACRE is still to be confirmed, but is anticipated as continuing at £5000 per year. The SACRE is asked to consider if it wishes to make any amendments to the Development Plan attached at Appendix '3' as a result of the RE Results or school survey results.

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.

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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 – Draft Annual Report 2011/12
8.2 Appendix 2 – Further analysis of SACRE Survey results
8.3 Appendix 3 - SACRE Development Plan 2012/14