

National Developments in Religious Education (RE)

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 national developments in relation to Religious Education.
- 1.2 The SACRE has a duty to help schools fulfil their statutory obligations with regard to religious education and to do so needs to keep up to date on the latest national developments in RE.

2. Recommendations

The SACRE is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the update on national developments and to consider any response which might be required by the SACRE in relation to these developments.

3. Detail

National Developments General Update

- 3.1 The SACRE Advisor will update the SACRE on a range of national developments set out in Appendix '1' listed below:
 - a) New secondary school assessment arrangements.
 - b) New Consultation Framework for National Curriculum (not RE)
 - c) REC RE curriculum review update
 - d) All Parliamentary Party Group for RE (APPG)
 - e) RE Quality Mark
 - f) Specialist Leaders of Education for RE

NASACRE Newsletter and AGM

- 3.2 A copy of the NASACRE newsletter for Spring 2013 is enclosed for Members of the SACRE, for information.
- 3.3 The National Association of SACREs (NASACRE) AGM will take place on 23rd May 2013, and a copy of the flyer is also enclosed with this agenda for information. It is not intended to send any representative to the AGM. However, a SACRE Teachers Representative and the SACRE Advisor will be at the

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Dillington House South West Conference on 14th March and can report back at this meeting on any matters for the SACRE to consider.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 There are no alternative options for the SACRE.

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 supports 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 - National Developments General Update.