

# Membership Update

## Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

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Wards: All

Locality Affected: All

Parishes Affected: All

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### 1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To ask the SACRE to note the update from the Census 2011 on Religious Belief in Swindon and consider if any amendments are required to the membership of the SACRE as a result.

### 2. Recommendations

The SACRE is recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider if it wishes to appoint a Co-opted representative to the SACRE or to confirm and make recommend to the Council on future representation to SACRE.

### 3. Detail

- 3.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is the SACRE Constitution which sets out the composition of the SACRE and its constituent groups and at Appendix 2 is a summary of the legal position in relation to who can be included in the SACRE, taken from the NASACRE 'Handbook for SACRE Members'.
- 3.2 The results of the religious belief questions in the Census 2011 have been published for Swindon and a summary is set out at Appendix 3.
- 3.3 Members, at their meeting on 25 June 2013, asked officers to approach the British Humanist Association for a representative to serve on SACRE. A number of applications have been received and the SACRE agreed to consider further the appointment of a humanist at this meeting including the term of office.
- 3.4 The SACRE will be updated on the outcome of officers approaching (i) the two main faiths which are not currently represented in Group A of the SACRE (Other Faith and other Christian Denominations), namely Buddhist and Jewish representatives. If changes are made to the membership of Group A, then a recommendation to Council would be required as set out in the SACRE Constitution and (ii) teacher representation, where there are currently three vacancies on Group C (Teacher Associations).

### 4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 The alternative options for the SACRE are set out in the report above.
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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 the 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 Resources (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 – SACRE Constitution.
- 8.2 Appendix 2 –NASACRE Membership of SACRE as set out in the NASACRE Handbook.
- 8.3 Appendix 3 – Census 2011 – Religious Belief Results.