

## **Membership Update**

**Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)**

**Date: 1 July 2008**

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**Parish / Wards Affected: All**

### **Purpose**

- To ask the SACRE to note the Membership update and approve the appointment to the SACRE of Mrs Helen Miller to Group C subject to union approval.

### **Recommendation**

- To note the Membership update.
- That Mrs Helen Miller be appointed to the SACRE as a member of Group C (Teacher Organisations) to serve until September 2011, subject to confirmation from the relevant Teachers' Union.
- To note the receipt of approval from the NASUWT (National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers) to the appointment of Mrs Mandy Sandleton to Group C (Teacher Organisations) as recommended at the last meeting.

## **1. Reasons**

- 1.1 The Council appoints the membership of SACRE every four years, but the SACRE approves changes to membership mid term.

## **2. Detail**

- 2.1 The Council formally renewed the Membership of the SACRE in September 2007. At that time, 5 vacancies were identified: two in the Other Faiths Groups (Sikh Community and Catholic Diocese) and three in the Teachers Group.
- 2.2 Discussions are ongoing with the Sikh Community and Catholic Diocese as to their nominations to the Other Faiths Group.
- 2.3 The SACRE recommended the appointment of Mrs Mandy Sandleton at the last meeting to the one of the Group C vacancies, subject to union approval. The NASUWT (National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers) has now confirmed its approval of this appointment.
- 2.4 The SACRE is asked to approve the nomination of Mrs Helen Miller, who is a secondary teacher, to Group C (Teacher Organisations), subject to union approval being received. The SACRE advisor and Clerk are

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continuing to seek a representative for the final Group C vacancy, preferably from the Secondary Sector to give a balance on the SACRE.

#### Alternative Options

- None.

#### Risk Management

##### *Financial and Procurement Implications*

- There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

##### *Legal / Human Rights Implications*

- This report has no specific legal or human rights implications.

##### *Links to Corporate Plans and Policies (in particular to Swindon 2010 Promises)*

- The work of the SACRE contributes to the Corporate Plan aims to improve the opportunities for children and young people.

#### Consultees

- The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted on all reports.
- Director of Schools and Learning
- Principal Advisor (School Improvement)

#### Background Papers and Appendices

- None