

## Membership Update

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009

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**Parish / Wards Affected:** All

### Purpose

- To update the SACRE on changes to the Membership and seek authorisation for the SACRE Adviser and SACRE Clerk to seek to fill the current vacancies.

### Recommendation

- That the SACRE note the Membership Update report.
- That the SACRE thank Alan Hawker for his many years service to the SACRE.
- That the SACRE Adviser and Clerk seek representatives for the vacancies on Group B (Church of England), Group D (Other Faiths- Catholic representative) and Group C (Teacher Organisations - Secondary representative).

## 1. Reasons

- 1.1 The Council appoints the membership of SACRE every four years, but the SACRE approves changes to membership mid-term. The membership of the SACRE was last reviewed by Full Council in September 2007.

## 2. Detail

- 2.1 The Venerable Alan Hawker has indicated that he will be stepping down as a representative to Group B (Church of England) following this meeting. Alan Hawker has served as part of the SACRE for many years, including several years as the Chair or Vice-Chair. The Chair would like to thank Alan Hawker on behalf the SACRE for his contribution to its work over many years.
- 2.2 The SACRE also currently has a vacancy on the Other Faiths Group for a Catholic representative, and also on the Teachers Organisations Group for a secondary teacher.
- 2.3 It is asked that the SACRE authorises the SACRE Adviser and the Clerk to continue to seek suitable representatives for the vacancies on the SACRE.

## Alternative Options

- None.

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### **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
- Gill Ilic, Principal Advisor
- Katy Staples, SACRE Adviser

### **Background Papers and Appendices**

- None