

## Membership Update

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 23 June 2009

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**Parish / Wards Affected:** All

### Purpose

- To ask the SACRE to note the Membership update and approve the appointment of the nominees to their respective groups.

### Recommendation

- To note the Membership update.
- That Reverend Arthur Woo be appointed to the SACRE as a member of Group B (Church of England Group) to serve until September 2011.
- That Mrs Janet French 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.
- That the SACRE endorse the appointment of Mr Arun Bedi as deputy to Mr Malkit Singh Virk to represent the Sikh Community on Group D (Other Faiths).
- That the SACRE confirm the appointment of a nominee to Group D (Other Faiths) to represent the Catholic Diocese if advised at the meeting or authorise the SACRE Advisor to continue to seek a suitable representative to fill the current vacancy.

## 1. Reasons

- 1.1 The Council appoints the membership of SACRE every four years, but the SACRE approves changes to membership mid term. The Council formally renewed the Membership of the SACRE in September 2007. All appointments made by the SACRE in the interim run until September 2011, the date of the next formal review.

## 2. Detail

- 2.1 At the last meeting the SACRE was advised that the Venerable Alan Hawker had stepped down from Group B (Church of England). The Diocese has nominated Reverend Arthur Woo to the vacancy on Group B.
- 2.2 The SACRE has held a vacancy on the Teachers Organisations (Group C) since September 2007, and has been seeking a secondary teacher to fill this vacancy. The SACRE is required to ensure that there are a balance of representatives in the Group. To date no nominations have been forthcoming from the Secondary Sector. Mrs Janet French (primary

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teacher) has expressed an interest in joining the SACRE. It is recommended that Mrs Janet French be appointed to Group C, subject to confirmation being received from her teachers union, and that the SACRE seek a representative from the Secondary Sector for the next vacancy arising in the Group.

2.3 The Sikh Community have nominated Mr Alun Bedi as deputy to Mr Malkit Singh Virk to represent the Sikh Community on Group D (Other Faiths), whenever Mr Virk is unable to attend.

2.4 The SACRE is requested to approve the appointment of each of the nominees to their respective groups.

### 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. The legal requirements for appointment of representatives is set out in the SACRE Constitution (appended to Item 1 on this agenda).

#### *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

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