

Feedback from Network Meetings

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

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Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- To update the SACRE on the discussions at Network Meetings.

Recommendation

SACRE is requested -

- To note the report.
- To consider any actions arising for the SACRE from the Network Meetings.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 The SACRE has a duty to help schools fulfil their statutory obligations with regard to religious education.
- 1.2 It is important that the SACRE be kept informed about the provision for religious education and collective worship in schools in the Borough and the support being provided to schools.

2. Detail

- 2.1 The SACRE Adviser meets with teachers of religious education in both primary and secondary schools through regular network meetings.
- 2.2 A Secondary Network meeting was held on Wednesday 3rd February 2010 at Commonweal School. 5 teachers attended.
- 2.3 Key points of discussion at the meeting were:
 - a) A share of Key Stage 3 and 4 resources that are being used by colleagues which they would recommend to others.
 - b) How to plan for the new Key Stage 3 curriculum when RE is taught through compelling learning days of integrated models.
 - c) The next cluster meeting is to be held on Wednesday 16th June 2010 at the Sikh Gurdwara. There is also a full day's course on

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10th June 2010 which will be joint with Wiltshire Secondary RE colleagues.

- 2.4 The Primary Network meeting has yet to take place. The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th March 2010 at the Sikh Gurdwara.
- 2.5 The SACRE Adviser will highlight at the meeting the key outcomes from the network meeting, and any actions that the SACRE might wish to consider as a result.

Alternative Options

- None

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- The costs for the SACRE Advisor meeting with the secondary and primary networks are met from within the SACRE budget, which is £5000 per annum.

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 Council's aims to improve the opportunities for children and young people, and to support local communities by empowering people to participate in local decision-making and overcoming social exclusion.

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 Adviser

Background Papers and Appendices

- None

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