

Implementing the SACRE Development Plan 2010/11

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

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Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- To consider how SACRE Members can support the delivery of the SACRE Development Plan in 2010/11

Recommendation

- That the SACRE consider and agree how to support the delivery of its Development Plan for 2010/11, as attached at Appendix '1'.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 The SACRE's Development Plan enables it to plan the delivery of its statutory role.

2. Detail

- 2.1 The SACRE at its last meeting approved its Development Plan for 2010/11 and this is attached, as updated, at Appendix '1'. In addition, the SACRE asked for suggestions of ways that SACRE Members might become more involved in the delivery of the plan.
- 2.2 Set out below are key areas of involvement of SACRE Members:
 - a) Promotion of the use of the Solihull Guidance Document to support Foundation Stage via visits to the Primary Network Meetings (Development Plan Item 1) – One or two members to support the SACRE Adviser
 - b) Discussion with Swindon Association of Primary Headteachers (SAPH) and Swindon Association of Secondary Headteachers (SASH) on the contribution of RE to promoting community cohesion. (Development Plan Item 2) – One or two members to support the SACRE Adviser
 - c) Seek to encourage greater survey responses in relation to the delivery of RE and Collective Worship (Development Plan Item 3) - – One or two members able to visit schools.

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- d) Providing support to the development of the SACRE Annual Report to 2010/11, including collection of examples of RE best practice in Swindon, through network meetings (Development Plan Items 4 and 6) – One or two members supporting the SACRE Adviser or sub-group
- e) Work with SACRE Advisor on developing a new Inter-Faith project in Swindon (Development Plan Items 1 and 2) – One or two members supporting the SACRE Adviser or sub-group
- f) Visits to Schools to provide Faith Perspectives (supporting Development Plan Items 1 and 3) – One or two Faith representatives to be available to schools as required.

2.3 Members of the SACRE are asked to volunteer where they would wish to be involved in these specific activities, and suggest any additional areas where they could provide support. SACRE may wish to consider setting up sub-group(s) to support one or two of these activities.

Alternative Options

- The SACRE Members could select just one or two of the areas of the development plan to support directly.

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- Costs of delivering the SACRE's Development Plan must be contained within the £5k annual budget provided to support the SACRE's work, which includes funding for support from the SACRE Adviser.

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.

Consultees

- The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted on all reports.
- Paddy Bradley, Director of Schools and Learning
- Sarah Foukes, School Improvement Adviser

Background Papers and Appendices

- Appendix 1 – SACRE Development Plan 2010/11

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