

Religious Education in English Schools – Non Statutory Guidance 2010

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 15th June 2010

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Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- To update the SACRE further on the Religious Education in English Schools – Non-Statutory Guidance 2010.

Recommendation

SACRE is requested -

1. To recommend to Council to approve the updated SACRE Constitution attached at Appendix 1, subject to any further amendments which the SACRE wishes to make.
2. To note the summary of the Religious Education in English Schools – Non-Statutory Guidance attached at Appendix '2'.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 To inform the SACRE of changes in national policy which have implications for the SACRE's role and operation.

2. Detail

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- 2.1 The SACRE was advised at the last meeting that the Government had published the Religious Education in English Schools: Non Statutory guidance 2010. This guidance replaced elements of Circular 1/94 relating to Religious Education, but did not replace the elements of the circular related to the provision of Collective Worship.
- 2.2 As agreed, the SACRE Constitution has been amended to reflect the changes in the guidance and to correct any errors, and those changes are shown in bold in Appendix '1'. The SACRE is asked to endorse the updated constitution, subject to any additional amendments that it wishes to make.

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- 2.3 A summary of the key elements of the Religious Education in English Schools – Non Statutory Guidance 2010 is attached at Appendix ‘2’ for information. Some of the recommendations of the Guidance, such as the potential for inclusion of Humanists within Group A of the SACRE if a SACRE so chooses, cannot be implemented without further legislation.
- 2.4 Full copies of the Guidance document are available on the SACRE web pages alongside the SACRE Agenda for March 2010. The attached summary highlights the purpose and principles for the SACRE and provides the context for the SACRE to consider how it can be most effective, which is the subject of the next Agenda Item.

Alternative Options

- None

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- There are no 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

- The work of the SACRE contributes to the Councils 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 Foulkes, School Improvement Adviser

Background Papers and Appendices

- Appendix 1 – SACRE Constitution Updated June 2010.
- Appendix 2 – Summary of the Religious Education in English Schools Non-Statutory Guidance 2010 (Document Summary Service)

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