

## Membership Update

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 28 September 2010

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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 Mrs Janet French be appointed to the SACRE as a member of Group B (Church of England Group) to serve until September 2011.
- That the SACRE endorse the appointment of Mr David Burbidge to Group A (Other Christian Denominations and Other Religions) to represent the Baptist Churches in Swindon.
- That the SACRE Advisor continue to seek suitable representatives for the remaining vacancies on the SACRE.

## 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 The Free Church Education Unit of Churches Together in England were asked to assist with seeking a new representative for the SACRE to represent the Baptist Churches in Swindon, to fill the current vacancy on Group A. The Clerk has received a written nomination for Mr David Burbidge of Gorse Hill Baptist Church to be appointed to serve on the Swindon Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) to represent the Baptist Churches in Swindon, to fill the current vacancy. The SACRE is asked to endorse this appointment.
- 2.2 Mrs Janet French is currently a member of Group C (Teacher Associations) of the SACRE, but as a teacher in a Church of England School has been nominated by the Diocese to be appointed instead to fill the current vacancy on Group B (Church of England Group). The SACRE is asked to confirm this appointment.

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- 2.3 Subject to Mrs Janet French's appointment to Group B being confirmed, there will be three Group C (Teacher Associations) vacancies on the SACRE. The SACRE Advisor is intending to seek nominations through the Network meetings and from the relevant Teaching Unions and will report back to the next meeting.
- 2.4 A nomination to Group A (Other Christian Denominations and Other Religions) has been sought for the ongoing Catholic Vacancy, from the Catholic Schools Cluster. The next meeting of the Cluster is on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010, which will consider the request for a SACRE representative.

### 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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