

Update on Network Meetings

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 28 September 2010

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Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- To update the SACRE on the Network Meetings for RE Teachers and Co-ordinators in Swindon

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 Since the last meeting of the SACRE, the Secondary Network teachers visited the Sikh Temple, and the Primary Network met and discussed How to be a good subject leader and discussed best practice model. The SACRE Adviser will highlight at the meeting the key outcomes from the network meetings and any actions that the SACRE might wish to consider as a result.
- 2.3 A list of the Primary and Secondary Network meeting dates and subjects for 2010/11 are attached at Appendices 1 and 2 for information.

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Alternative Options

- None

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- The costs for the SACRE Advisor meeting with the secondary and primary network meetings is 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
- Sarah Foulkes, Primary Link Adviser

Background Papers and Appendices

- Appendix 1 –Primary Network Meetings 2010/11
- Appendix 2 – Secondary Network Meeting 2010/11