

Membership Update

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 7 December 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 Mr Tony McAteer be appointed to the SACRE as a member of Group A (Other Christian Denominations and Other Religions) to represent the Catholic Diocese.
- That Miss Charlotte Rowe be appointed to the SACRE as a member of Group C (Teacher Organisations) subject to confirmation being received from the relevant Teachers Union.
- That an appointment be made to the vacancy on Group A (Other Christian Denominations and Other Religions) to represent Methodist churches in Swindon, subject to a nomination being notified to the SACRE at the meeting.
- That the SACRE Advisor continue to seek suitable representatives for remaining Group C (Teacher Organisation) 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 It was reported at the last meeting, that that SACRE had three vacancies in Group C (Teacher Organisations) and one vacancy in Group A (Other Christian Denominations and Other Faiths) for a representative of the Catholic Diocese.
- 2.2 A request for a nomination to represent the Catholic Diocese was taken to the Catholic Cluster of Schools meeting in October. Mr Tony McAteer, Headteacher of Holy Rood Catholic Junior School has been nominated to represent the Catholic Diocese. The SACRE is asked to confirm this appointment.

Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Sarah Lawrence on 01793 463603, or Email slawrence@swindon.gov.uk.

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- 2.3 Mrs Wendy Tucker has notified her resignation from Group A as the representative for the local Methodist Churches. A replacement nomination has been sought, and if notified prior to the meeting, the SACRE will be asked to approve this appointment. It is understood that Mr Mark Cawte the current deputy representative for URC and Methodist churches is likely to be nominated to this position.
- 2.4 The SACRE advisor has been seeking representative for the vacancies on Group C (Teachers Associations) through the Network meetings and from the relevant Teaching Unions. Miss Charlotte Rowe, RE Co-ordinator for Ridgeway School has expressed an interest in being appointed to the SACRE. It is recommended that Miss Rowe is appointed by the SACRE to Group C, subject to confirmation being received from her union. The SACRE advisor will be seeking further nominations at the next network meetings.

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.
- Paddy Bradley, Director of Schools and Learning
- Sarah Foulkes, Principal Advisor School Improvement

Background Papers and Appendices

- None