

# **SACRE Annual Report and Development Plan**

**Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)**

**Date: 15 March 2011**

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**Parish / Wards Affected: All**

## **Purpose**

- To receive the draft Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) Annual Report covering the period September 2009 to September 2010, and to consider the development plan for SACRE for the next year.

## **Recommendation**

- That the draft SACRE's Annual Report attached at Appendix '1' be considered and the SACRE Advisor be authorised to finalise the report, taking into account any comments provided by SACRE Members.
- That the SACRE determine how it wishes to distribute the Annual Report to raise awareness of the work of the SACRE and promote Religious Education.
- That the SACRE consider and approve its Development Plan for 2010/13, as attached at Appendix '2'.

## **1. Reasons**

- 1.1 The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education is required by Section 391 of the Education Act 1996 to produce an Annual Report of the exercise of its functions during the preceding year.

## **2. Detail**

- 2.1 The draft Annual Report of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education is attached at Appendix '1' for the SACRE's consideration. The SACRE is asked to consider the draft report and to authorise the SACRE Advisor to finalise the Annual Report and submit it to be collated nationally.
- 2.2 The Director of Schools and Learning will attend the meeting to present and provide context to the Religious Education examination results which are included within the Annual Report.
- 2.3 The SACRE is asked to consider how it wishes to disseminate copies of the Annual Report to Schools, Local Councillors and Faith Groups, in order to raise the profile of the SACRE and promote Religious Education.

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- 2.4 In addition, the SACRE is asked to consider its development plan, taking into account any particular areas for focus identified through the Annual Report. A draft Development Plan is attached at Appendix '2' for consideration.

## **Alternative Options**

- None.

### **Risk Management**

#### *Financial and Procurement Implications*

- None associated with this report.

#### *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 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

## **Background Papers and Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Draft Annual Report 2009/10
- Appendix 2 – Draft Development Plan 2011/12