

## **Feedback from Network Meetings**

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

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

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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 Advisor 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 met on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011 with regard to 'GCSE: How do we get better grades for our pupils: What works?'. The SACRE Advisor will highlight key outcomes from the meeting and any actions that the SACRE might wish to consider as a result. Any teachers present are also invited to provide their feedback. The next Secondary Network meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 3.45pm at Commonweal School, on the revised topic of 'Update to the Locally Agreed Syllabus'.
- 2.3 Since the last meeting, the Primary Network teachers met on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Oliver Tomkins Infant School, and Penny Summers led the session on the topic 'The foundation stage – a review of the Solihull material and new ideas'. Penny Summers will report back at the meeting

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and will highlight any key outcomes or actions arising. The next Primary Network meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 3.45pm at St Francis CofE VA Primary School and will also be looking at the revised topic of 'Update to the Locally Agreed Syllabus'.

### 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*

- 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

- None