

National Developments for Religious Education

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 7th June 2011

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Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- To update the SACRE on national developments in relation to the provision of RE.

Recommendation

SACRE is requested -

To note the report and to consider any actions required as a result, in particular in relation to the SACRE's role to support schools.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 The SACRE has a duty to help schools fulfil their statutory obligations with regard to religious education.

2. Detail

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is a paper on the current national developments in Religious Education. The paper has been prepared by John Keast, but has been annotated by the SACRE Advisor (in bold italics) to update developments in RE and to highlight key questions for the Swindon SACRE to consider.
- 2.2 The SACRE is asked to discuss and note the current situation in relation to national developments in RE, and consider any action that is required to support schools in relation to these developments.

Alternative Options

- The alternative options, where applicable, are set out in the body of this report.

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- This report has no specific financial or procurement implications.

Legal / Human Rights Implications

- This report has no specific legal or human rights implications.

Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Katy Staples on 0117 927 7454 or katy.staples@bristoldiocese.org

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

Background Papers and Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Paper on the current National Developments in RE (by John Keast and annotated by Katy Staples).