

## **Membership Update**

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

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

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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 Mrs Sarah Lane Cawte be appointed to the SACRE as a member of Group A (Other Christian Denominations and Other Religions) to represent the United Reformed Church for an initial period up until September 2011.
- That Mr Arun Bedi be endorsed as a full member of SACRE Group A (Other Christian Denominations and Other Religions) to represent the Sikh Community for an initial period up until September 2011.
- That the SACRE Advisor continue to seek a suitable representative for the remaining Group C (Teacher Organisation) vacancy to represent the National Union of Teachers (NUT).
- That the Clerk to the SACRE contact the current representatives for Groups A, B, C and their nominating organisations to confirm if they wish for their memberships to be renewed for a further 4 year term from September 2011 in accordance with the SACRE constitution, and that the revised membership of the SACRE be recommended to the Council for approval to take effect from September 2011.

## **1. Reasons**

- 1.1. The Council appoints the membership of SACRE every four years and last formally appointed the membership in September 2007. The SACRE is asked to approve mid-term changes to memberships.

## **2. Detail**

- 2.1 Since the last meeting, Mrs Helen Hancox has advised that she wishes to step down from Group A of the SACRE. The South-West Synod of the United Reformed Church has nominated Sarah Lane Cawte as their representative on Swindon SACRE. The SACRE is asked to confirm this appointment.
- 2.2 In addition, Mr Malkit Singh Virk has stepped down as a representative of the Sikh Community, and Mr Arun Bedi, currently the deputy representative, has

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been nominated to take his place. The SACRE is asked to endorse this appointment.

- 2.3 One remaining vacancy exists on the Teacher Associations Group and this is for a National Union of Teachers (NUT) representative. The Clerk to the SACRE will continue to seek a representative to fill this vacancy.
- 2.4 The SACRE Constitution requires that the Council appoint the membership of SACRE every four years, with the SACRE approving any mid-term changes to its membership. The next renewal is due in September 2011. The SACRE is asked to confirm that the Clerk contact all current members and their nominating organisations to confirm if they would wish to stand for a further four year term and to arrange for the formal approval of the membership by the Council to take effect from September 2011. This does not prevent members leaving the SACRE mid-term, but enables the formal composition of the SACRE to be confirmed by the Council every four years.

### 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.

#### *Links to Corporate Plans and Policies*

- 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

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