

Update on Network Meetings

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 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 Primary Network of RE Teachers met on 12th May 2011 at St Francis Church of England VA Primary School and looked at the revised topic of 'Update to the Locally Agreed Syllabus'. The SACRE Adviser will highlight any key outcomes from the meeting and any actions that the SACRE might wish to consider as a result. Teachers present are also invited to provide their feedback.
- 2.3 The Secondary Network session due to take place on 16th June has been cancelled as this coincides with the date of the Agreed Syllabus Launch, and there will an opportunity during the launch day for Secondary Teachers to explore the changes to the locally agreed syllabus.

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

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- 2.4 The SACRE Advisor is currently making arrangements for the network meetings to be held from September 2011 and will advise the SACRE of the dates arranged at the meeting.

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