

# National Update on Religious Education and Collective Worship

## Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011

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**Parish / Wards Affected:** All

### Purpose

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

### 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 summary from the SACRE Advisor of the current national developments in Religious Education.
- 2.2 The SACRE is asked to discuss the questions raised in the Appendix and to 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. Any costs of support to schools from the SACRE will be met from its annual budget of £5000.

#### *Legal / Human Rights Implications*

- Any legal implications are set out within the body of the report. There are no specific human rights implications.

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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 – Summary from the SACRE Advisor of the National Developments in relation to RE and Collective Worship.