

# Update on Network Meetings and RE Training Sessions

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

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Wards: All

Locality Affected: All

Parishes Affected: All

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## 1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To update the SACRE on the Network Meetings for RE Teachers and Co-ordinators in Swindon, and training arranged by the SACRE Advisor.
- 1.2 The SACRE has a duty to help schools fulfil their statutory obligations with regard to the provision of religious education and collective worship. It is important that the SACRE be kept informed about the support being provided to schools.

## 2. Recommendations

The SACRE is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the report.
- 2.2 Consider any actions arising for the SACRE from the Network Meetings or training sessions.
- 2.3 Consider any issues that the SACRE would wish to highlight to the next meeting of the Secondary Humanities Teaching and Learning Group for RE.

## 3. Detail

Humanities Teaching and Learning Group (Secondary)

- 3.1 The Humanities Teaching and Learning Group for RE last met on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012, and a copy of the notes of the meeting are attached at Appendix '1'. This was a very useful meeting with representatives of seven schools attending, and was supported by the SACRE Advisor. Attendees are invited to report back to the SACRE on any particular issues of note for the SACRE.
- 3.2 The SACRE is asked if it wishes to highlight any particular issue to the next meeting.

Primary Network Meeting

- 3.3 Katy Staples will provide an update on the primary network meetings to take place at the meeting.

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Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Katy Staples, SACRE Advisor, [katy.staples@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:katy.staples@bristoldiocese.org), 0117 906 0100

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## Training Update

3.4 The SACRE advisor offered the following training to teachers via sessions which schools could buy into at Drove Education Centre:

- Teaching the Locally Agreed Syllabus - 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012.
- New Guidance for Collective Worship/Assemblies - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012

3.5 A summary of feedback from the sessions is attached at Appendix '2'.

## **4. Alternative Options**

4.1 There are no alternative options.

## **5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management**

### Financial and Procurement Implications

5.1 Costs of delivering the SACRE's Development Plan must be contained within the £5k annual budget provided to support the SACRE's work, which includes funding for support from the SACRE Advisor. Recent courses have been offered to schools via Drove Education Centre with school paying costs.

### Legal and Human Rights Implications

5.2 The report has no specific legal or human rights implications.

### All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

5.3 No other implications have been identified.

### Links to One Swindon, Strategic Objectives, Plans and Policies

5.4 The work of the SACRE supports Theme 5 of the Community Strategy, for Swindon to be a place where high aspirations are supported by superb education provision for all ages.

### Diversity Impact Assessment

5.5 A Diversity Impact Assessment has not been completed for this report, as it does not relate to a specific policy or strategy change.

### Risk Management

5.6 There are no risk management factors which have been identified in relation to this report.

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## **6. Consultees**

- 6.1 The Board Director Finance, Revenues, Benefits and Property (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

## **7. Background Papers**

- 7.1 None

## **8. Appendices**

- 8.1 Appendix 1 - Notes of the meeting of the meeting of the Humanities Teaching and Learning Group for RE held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012.
- 8.2 Appendix 2 – Summary of Feedback from training offered by the SACRE Advisor