

To: Members of the Standing  
Advisory Council on Religious  
Education

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2005

By: Director of Law and  
Democratic Services

Parish/Ward: All

## **SACRE Self-Evaluation and Development Plan**

### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To receive the QCA SACRE self-evaluation tool and use it to assess the performance of the SACRE and determine a SACRE development plan.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) use the self-evaluation documentation to assess the effectiveness of the SACRE; and
- 2.2 That the SACRE agree a Development Plan for the academic year 2005-06.

### **3 Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 3.1 There are no direct financial or procurement implications relating to this report. The SACRE is allocated an annual budget of £5,000 to support its work.

### **4 Social, Environmental, Staffing, Legal/Human Rights, Risk and Other Implications**

- 4.5 There are no specific social, environmental, staffing, legal or human rights, risk or other implications arising from this report.

### **5 Detail**

- 5.1 The QCA Self-Evaluation Document, attached at Appendix 1', began to be discussed at the SACRE meeting in June, and the SACRE made an initial assessment of the SACRE's performance in respect of its effectiveness of its monitoring in relation to the first criteria: 'Standards and Quality of Provision of RE', and graded itself in the way that it carried out its roles, and gave reasons for those judgements. A copy of the relevant minute from that meeting is attached at Appendix '2'.

- 5.2 A report on this issue was deferred from the last meeting of the SACRE in September 2005.
- 5.3 The SACRE is asked at this meeting to make an assessment of its own performance in respect of the remaining three areas -
- Management of SACRE and partnership with the LEA and other stakeholders
  - The Effectiveness of the Agreed Syllabus
  - Contribution of SACRE to the local and racial harmony agenda.
- 5.4 It is suggested that the SACRE Members consider and discuss these issues and agree what is distinctive about the Swindon SACRE, its key strengths and areas for development. As a result of this discussion, the SACRE is asked to agree a development plan for the academic year 2005/06.
- 5.5 The SACRE has a budget of £5,000 for 2005/2006. The SACRE Advisor will report verbally to the meeting on the level of expenditure to date. The SACRE is asked to consider how the remainder of the budget should be used to support the development plan.

## **6 Appendices**

- 6.1 Appendix 1 - QCA SACRE Self-Evaluation Tool.
- 6.2 Appendix 2 – SACRE Minute 6, 21 June 2005.

## **7 Date**

- 7.1 30 November 2005

The Lead Cabinet Member for the service area subject to this report is Councillor Garry Perkins, Cabinet Member for Children's Services.

The Director of Finance, Director of Law and Democratic Services, and Director of Quality and Standards have been consulted on this report.

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