

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Thursday, 4 March 2010

2.00 pm

Kingston Centre, Fairway, Stafford ST16 3TW

John Tradewell
Director of Law and Governance
24 February 2010

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11. **Any Other Business**

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the SACRE is scheduled for Wednesday 12 May 2010 at 2.00pm at the Kingston Centre, Stafford

Membership

Rummy Bajaj	Sue Blackmore
Christine Chadwick	Mary Gale
G Devadason	Colin Hopkins
Lynn Godden	Rosemary Woodward
Hifsa Haroon-Iqbal	Mrs. D. Kirkham
Rev. Preb. M. Metcalf (Chairman)	Dave Lyons
Janet Kemp	Peter Davies
Karen Knobbs	Veronica Downes
Dr Laow	Terry Finn
Sydney Morris	Ivan Jennings
Liz O'Brien	Liz Staples
Muhammad Parekh	Tricia Budd
Sam Phillips	Frankie Durairatnam
Gurmeet Singh	Liz Williams
Bill Walley	

Minutes of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Meeting held on 18 November 2009

Present: Rev. Preb. M. Metcalf (Committee B) (Chairman)

Attendance

Rummy Bajaj	Committee A
G Devadason	Committee A
Lynn Godden	Committee A
Liz O'Brien	Committee A
Muhammad Parekh	Committee A
Sam Phillips	Committee A
Bill Walley	Committee A
Mrs. D. Kirkham	Committee C
Mrs. V.M. Downes	Committee D
Finn, T.V.	Committee D
Frankie Durairatnam	Co-opted

Also in attendance: Heather Farr

Apologies: Christine Chadwick (Committee A), Hifsa Haroon-Iqbal (Committee A), Dr Laow (Committee A), Sue Blackmore (Committee B), Mary Gale (Committee B), Catherine Brandrick (Committee C), Dave Lyons (Committee C), Davies, P.R. (Committee D), Mrs E. Staples (Committee D) and Pat Budd (Co-opted)

PART ONE

63. Appointment of Chairman

RESOLVED – That Rev. Preb Michael Metcalf be appointed Chairman of this Council for 2009/10

64. Miss Joy Waltho

It was with sadness that the Chairman reported on the death of Miss Joy Waltho, former Church of England representative on this Advisory Council. Members of the Council observed a one minute silence in memory of Miss Waltho

65. Welcome to New Members

Mrs. D. Kirkham was welcomed as a newly appointed representative of the NASUWT to the Advisory Council. Having previously substituted for the Trades Unions' Representative Mrs. Kirkham had now been appointed as a full member.

66. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 13 May 2009

RESOLVED - That, following amendment to various grammatical errors, the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

67. Review of membership of the SACRE (Schedule 1)

The Corporate Director (Children and Lifelong Learning) reported that, in accordance with the previous decision of this Advisory Council, it was necessary to review the membership of the Advisory Council taking account of the attendance record of each representative, their period of office and the number of vacancies being held.

Attendance details for each individual representative were submitted which showed that none had had a significant period of absence which might require consideration of their future appointments and that there were no members whose membership fell due for a five-year review in this academic year.

References made to the five vacancies which currently existed for representatives of the Catholic, Sikh, Hindu, ASCL and NAHT groups with those members present who had links to those particular groups agreeing to seek nominations.

In discussing the method adopted for appointment of representatives of faith communities the Chairman reported that every effort was made to include all significant faith communities known of in Staffordshire and referred to particular difficulties experienced in securing engagement by the Muslim community in the Burton Upon Trent area. Changes in, and development of, various faith communities was always monitored, for example the posting of the Gurkha regiment to Staffordshire would be taken into account. In general the proportion of representation was based on census information.

RESOLVED - That, having reviewed the membership and attendance at meetings of SACRE during the past year no changes be made.

68. An Update on Key Issues (Schedule 2)

SACRE received an update on key issues that had developed or arisen since their last meeting. The issues raised included:

(i) The Student Council for Religious Education – Summer Term meeting held on 18 June 2009, the agenda for which had included an item entitled "Tell SACRE" aimed at

prompting regular debates to highlight students' perspective on issues. The Fourth Annual Report of the Student Council for Religious Education was tabled with reference made to the growing membership of that Council and the value of that membership for individuals in terms of their personal development.

(ii) The SACRE Awards – A well attended popular event held at the Seabridge Centre.

(iii) The Agreed Syllabus launch - held on 22 September 2009 with a large audience and including the SACRE lecture given by Bishop Gordon Mursell, Bishop of Stafford.

(iv) Spirited Dance – A project aimed at bringing religious education and dance together which had culminated in an extremely successful performance at The Friary School. It was hoped that this initiative could be rolled out across the County.

(v) Farmington Fellows – The development of RE Teachers in Staffordshire through the promotion of Farmington Fellowships had continued with two completing their fellowships in 2009 and a further two beginning work on projects for 2009/10.

(vi) SHAP Calendar and Storybooks – The SHAP Calendar had again been offered to teachers at a discount and 100 copies had been sold. For the late autumn term a pack of five new story books was to be offered at a discount rate to Primary Schools with copies circulated at the meeting for Members' information. A particular breakthrough with the latest books was the story telling through the eyes of children brought up in particular faiths.

(vii) A Guide to RE in Staffordshire Schools for Headteachers and Senior Managers – A frequently asked questions booklet had been produced, copies of which were circulated for members' information.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

69. NASACRE Update

The Chairman gave a brief oral report, updating Members on the key issues raised by the National Association of SACREs (NASACRE) including its work with the inter-faith network, involvement with the Education Review (most recently Primary School guidance) and the DCFS campaign to recruit and train SACRE members from minority communities.

RESOLVED - That the oral report be noted.

70. Professional Development Opportunities - Uptake 2008/09 (Schedule 3)

The Corporate Director (Children and Lifelong Learning) reported on the uptake of professional development opportunities in 2008/09, commenting on the favourable increase, up to 393, in participants in the central programme for RE and on the continued popularity of network meetings with over 140 participants in total during the year. Continuing, the Corporate Director referred to increasing demand for the support

of the Advanced Skills Teacher for Religious Education, Emma Senior, with a summary of her work over the year circulated for Members' information.

Details of provisional professional development opportunities for 2009/10 were circulated with reference made to the proposed continuation of the Subject Self Evaluation Programme but with a cost of £100 per visit to each school having to be introduced.

Members of the Advisory Council briefly discussed staffing pressures on schools which had led to increased difficulties for Teachers attending out of school training.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and that a standing item be included on all future agendas relating to an update of the work of the Advanced Skills Teacher for Religious Education.

71. Procedures for Schools Causing Concern (Schedule 4)

The Corporate Director (Children and Lifelong Learning) reported on the need to establish a formal procedure to be followed in cases of schools causing concern. He explained that information on the extent to which schools were fulfilling their responsibility to provide religious education was obtained from a range of sources including the schools themselves, parents and teachers.

A recent need to address a suspected shortfall in provision at a Staffordshire School had highlighted the need for an agreed and established protocol, a draft of which was submitted. Whilst the SACRE itself did not have ultimate powers to deal with this school's failings it did have access to the School Improvement Partner who was able to act in a more official capacity.

Commenting on the draft protocol, members felt it important to introduce a series of timescales for each stage and for any correspondence to a specific school to also be copied to the Chairman of that School's Governors and the Head of its RE Department.

RESOLVED – That, with the additions now reported, the proposed procedure for schools causing concern be adopted and be the subject of consultation with the School Improvement Officer.

72. The Twentieth Annual Report (Schedule 5)

Members of the Advisory Council received the draft of the twentieth annual report of the Staffordshire SACRE, the required contents of which included matters on which is has advised the LEA, the nature of that advice and the reasons for offering advice on any matters which were not initially referred to it by the LEA. Members' comments on the draft Annual Report were invited.

RESOLVED - That Members be requested to submit comments of the draft report to the Senior Adviser for RE by no later than Friday 4 December 2009.

73. An Analysis of Examination Results for Staffordshire Schools 2009 (Schedule 6)

The Advisory Council received a statistical analysis of the standards achieved in GCSE (Full and Short Course), advanced level and advanced subsidiary GCE Religious Studies by pupils examined in the summer of 2009.

Of note was the fall in the percentage of Staffordshire students gaining A* - C on the Full Course which may have resulted from an increase in the actual numbers of students entered for that examination. For Full Course results the national average was gradually increasing with Staffordshire's performance fluctuating.

An alternative use of the performance statistics, known as "referencing" (ie. comparison with grades in all subjects) had shown the discrepancy between the average for Staffordshire and the national average to be 0.49 which equated to one twelfth of a grade. When other subjects were referenced the discrepancy equated to three twelfths of a grade, meaning that Staffordshire's RE pupils performed better than pupils generally across all subjects.

Turning to Short Course results, the Council were informed that Staffordshire's performance was below average, partially due to the preference for entry to the Full Course.

Of concern was Staffordshire's poor results at AS and A2 levels with the situation not being unique to religious education but appearing to be across the board. "Referencing" information was not available for higher level examinations but it was acknowledged that AS and A2 level performance generally needed to be addressed by the LEA.

RESOLVED – (a) That letters of congratulations and support be forwarded to the Schools referred to in the report where strong results had been achieved and (b) That the Senior Adviser for RE be requested to submit details of statistics on AS/A2 level performance in RE against performance in other subjects and to seek the views of the Student Council of what might be the cause of this lower level of achievement.

74. SACRE Budget 2009/10 (Schedule 7)

The Corporate Director (Children and Lifelong Learning) gave details of the SACRE budget 2009/10 which had an allocation of £11,650 against which £3,006.19 had been spent to date. Of note was the percentage of expenditure incurred to date in connection with the Student Council and, therefore, it was felt that the Student Council itself should be shown as a sub-heading in future budget reports.

RESOLVED – That the budget position be noted.

75. Any Other Business

Heather Farr, Senior Advisor for RE, informed that Advisory Council of her intention to retire at the end of the 2009/10 academic year and stressed her desire to work with the LEA to ensure that a replacement was in post from September 2010 in order to ensure continuity of service and to maintain the momentum of the SACRE.

It was agreed that the Senior Advisor's Line Manager be invited to attend the next meeting of SACRE to discuss future provision of the service.

76. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 22 February 2010 at 2:00pm – Kingston Centre, Stafford.

Chairman

Documents referred to in these minutes as Schedules are not appended, but will be attached to the signed copy of the Minutes of the meeting. Copies, or specific information contained in them, may be available on request.

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education 4th March 2010

Report of the Corporate Director (Children, Young People and Families) An Update on Key Issues

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present members of SACRE with a brief update on key issues that have developed or arisen since the last meeting of SACRE.

2 Summary

- 2.1 Members of SACRE will receive a brief report on a number of key issues. These are matters which have either been raised at previous SACRE meetings and which have moved forward, or matters on which it is appropriate to brief members of SACRE.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That members of SACRE receive the report and note the contents

4 Background

- 4.1 Since the autumn term meeting of the SACRE there have been developments in a number of areas which had previously been agenda items for SACRE or which have local or national importance for RE.
- 4.2 Members will be briefed on these key developments. A summary is attached to this paper.

5 Equal Opportunities

- 5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

6 Financial implications

- 6.1 Financial implications may be raised by individual items. These have been dealt with elsewhere, or will be raised at future meetings of SACRE.

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The Student Council for Religious Education



The autumn term meeting of the Student Council was held on November 20th 2009 when a new cohort of Year 12 students was welcomed on board. Proceedings began with refreshments at 10.00 a.m. when new Councillors were introduced to the long standing tradition - the eating of flapjack in large quantities. During the morning, existing members worked on Council tasks while new Councillors learned about RE in Staffordshire, the work of the SACRE and the role of the Student Council. Lunch was, as always, a popular highlight of the day. Those present built good working relationships although sadly a significant proportion of Year 13 members were unable to attend, including the Chair and Vice-chair. Stepping in at the last moment, Lauren Cartwright took over the role of chair with style, and steered the meeting through a long agenda. She made all feel welcome and moved efficiently through the business of the day. Some good discussion took place which will be helpful in the development of the new Agreed Syllabus. Minutes are attached. Many thanks to Michael Metcalf for his continuing support of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on March 5th 2010 when the guest speaker will be Alan Foster, SID officer and practising Mormon. All SACRE members are welcome to attend the meeting which starts at 10.00 a.m. at the Seabridge Centre.

Offers: Student Handbook for Religious Education

Teachers continue to be offered quality resources at reduced rates made possible through bulk buying by the LA. In the autumn term a hundred copies of the SHAP calendar were sold and in the late autumn term 550 copies of 'Stories to Remember' were ordered by schools at a significant discount. For the spring term, schools have again been offered the excellent reference book 'The Student Handbook for Religious Education' which gives a brief, factual account of the six major faiths. 150 copies were sold out almost immediately, and a further 150 have been placed on order. These books are popular in primary schools where they provide non-specialist teachers with a starting point for their own knowledge.

Professional development opportunities for RE

Since the autumn term meeting teachers have been offered a number of professional development opportunities. These have included a range of network meetings, sessions for new subject leaders and NQTs in primary schools and a day's activity for Early Years practitioners working with Consultant Gill Vaisey. Lat Blaylock, editor of RE Today, returned to Stafford to lead a successful conference in February.

Two new initiatives added to the programme are an A level clinic in May and 'Meet the Muslims', an informal question and answer session to be held at 4.00 p.m. at the Kingston Centre on Thursday 11th March. Members of SACRE are welcome to attend.

Support for the 2009 Staffordshire Syllabus

There have been no complaints about the new Staffordshire syllabus – and no particular acclaim! This would seem to indicate that schools have received the document and are beginning to work with it. Teachers have been informed that there should be evidence to show that planning takes account of the new syllabus by September 2010.

The Staffordshire website <http://education.staffordshire.gov.uk/re> is being used as the medium through which to share support materials and a wide range of long term plans are now available for schools to consider, use or adapt. Medium term planning will follow shortly.

Minutes of the Staffordshire Student Council for Religious Education

Date	20 th November 2009
Time	1.45-4.00pm
Location	Seabridge Centre

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes and matters arising
3. Welcome to new members
4. A report on the morning's activities
5. An update on events since the last meeting
6. Tell SACRE
7. Future projects

Dates of future meetings:

5 th March 2010	Council Meeting
29 th April 2010	Council Meeting
17 th June 2010	Council Meeting
30 th June 2010	SACRE Awards

2 Minutes and matters arising

Apologies were taken and the register taken for councillors present.
Minutes of meeting 18th June 2009 seen and accepted.

3. Welcome to new members

The officials of the meeting were introduced: Lauren Cartwright was acting Chair in Hannah Goodwin's place, with Emma Taylor and Katie Haywood supporting her in place of Harriet Jackson. Lizz Wilkins was secretary.

Lauren gave a short explanation of SSSCRE and what the council does.

The Terms of Reference for new councillors were looked over, and the expectations of them were clarified; for instance giving apologies if unable to attend a meeting, and wearing their black T-shirts.

Heather opened a discussion about communication between SSSCRE members. Heather took new member's e-mail addresses. Admin of the Facebook page has been taken over by Daniel Grubb. It was reminded that apologies need a week's notice wherever possible, for reasons of cost and waste.

The councillors discussed and ideas were shared. It was agreed that it was compulsory for any e-mail sent by Heather to be replied to. Each school appointed a School Rep, who will have the mobile numbers of each member in their school, and the numbers of the other reps. School reps were chosen as Jonathan Ackroyd, Emma Taylor, Lauren Quincey, Rebekkah Hales, Scarlett Dixon and Katie Haywood.

4. A report on the morning's activities

Each member introduced him/herself with their name, school and subjects.

Lower sixth members reported on their morning: they had received their T-shirts and folders and learnt about what SSSCRE does. They had done a memory exercise and post-it note game as teambuilding activities. The morning had been enjoyed overall, especially the food!

Upper sixth members also reported on the three tasks they had been given. They had made a list of the top ten things that RE in schools is useful for. This list was shared, the council got into groups of three or four people to discuss it. The list was commented on and slightly altered, for Heather to circulate with the changes later.

Upper sixth had also designed a leaflet about taking RE as a GCSE subject, which was then to be produced on computer and circulated for comments.

Existing members had discussed how meetings could be altered to reduce the number of people not able to attend, and had suggested changing the meetings to be held in the morning, possibly from 10:00 to 2:15

5 An update on events since the last meeting

Heather spoke about the SACRE Awards, and stated that the SSCRE team had made a great contribution. A council visit to the National Arboretum had taken place with members of Year 13 (2007-2009) attending.

Former councillors were mentioned, and information was shared on their places at University or re-sitting A-Levels.

It was asked how the new members had found out about SSCRE, and reported that they had all learned of it through their RE teachers.

Heather also briefly told the council about the last SACRE meeting.

6 Tell SACRE

Michael talked to the council about what SACRE is, and the history of Religious Education in schools. He explained that it was decided that the Christian faith should be taught alongside other faiths, and to ensure this, every Local Authority has had a SACRE since at least 1988 if not before. Every SACRE has on it four committees: the Church of England, other denominations and faiths, teachers associations, and the LA. For decision making, each committee gets one vote, but they work well together and usually make similar decisions.

It was told what SACRE does, much "official business", and the annual report.

The date of the next SACRE meeting was shared, and an open invitation extended to the council to attend it.

Heather opened a discussion about what questions the councillors would like to be asked in RE lessons.

These were possible titles for RE topics, and the councillors talked in small groups and then reported back for Heather to write them down.

7. Future projects

Lauren raised the issue of this year's charity project. It was agreed that this should be in aid of St Giles' Hospice, and to be completed by the March meeting.

It was agreed that each school is to do assemblies and an event, the most popular idea being a Sixth Form pyjama day with a recommended fee of £1 each.

Absent Year 13s must be contacted, as it is for the Y13s to organise along with the school reps.

Heather asked what speakers the council would like to hear from at future meetings. Councillors liked the suggestion of a Mormon, and were asked to come loaded with questions to ask him during the morning.

Also Frankie the Baha'i was a popular choice, and Jewish speakers possibly for the April meeting. Other suggestions included a Scientologist and a Jedi. Michael offered a trivia quiz on Christianity also.

A trip to somewhere was mentioned, to be discussed at a future meeting.

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

4th March 2010

Report of the Corporate Director (Children Young People and Families) Monitoring of Middle and Secondary School Provision 2009-2010

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present members with an analysis of findings from the monitoring questionnaires for middle and high schools 2009-2010.
- 1.2 To invite members of SACRE to make comments and/or recommendations in the light of the findings.

2 Summary

- 2.1 In order to provide members with sufficient information to carry out their monitoring duties, schools have, for a number of years, been issued with questionnaires requesting detail about provision. In order to allow schools to engage fully with the review of the Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus, monitoring questionnaires were not issued in the academic year 2008-2009.
- 2.2 Collated findings from questionnaires issued in September 2009 will be tabled at the meeting. Key issues will be identified. Members are invited to make recommendations and suggest possible action, for example:
 - Identification of schools causing concern/exemplifying good practice
 - Letters to be sent to headteachers/heads of departments to encourage compliance/improvement or to celebrate provision.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That members of SACRE consider the findings from the 2009-2010 questionnaires and make comments and/or recommendations.

4 Background

- 4.1 With a break to allow for consultation on the 2009 Agreed Syllabus, monitoring questionnaires have been circulated to secondary and middle schools for a number of years. From September 2005 these questionnaires have formed the main source of information about the provision for RE in Staffordshire schools.
- 4.2 With a similar break, questionnaires have also been issued to primary schools on a three-year rolling programme since 2006, with approximately 100 schools being contacted for information each year. In summer 2007 members asked that questionnaires be issued to special schools in order to complete the picture. These were sent to both primary and secondary phase special schools in October 2007 but were also suspended in 2008-2009.
- 4.3 Information gathered through the monitoring exercise relating to RE in primary and special schools will be presented at the summer term meeting.

5 Equal Opportunities

- 5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

6 Financial implications

- 6.1 Financial implications will be considered in the light of Member's recommendations.

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Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

4th March 2010

**Report of the Corporate Director (Children Young People and Families)
The Work of the Advanced Skills Teacher for RE**

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To raise members' awareness of the work of the Advanced Skills Teacher (AST) for RE.

1.2 To give an update on the work of the AST 2009-2010

2 Summary

2.1 Advanced Skills Teachers are excellent practitioners in their own subject or aspect and are accredited through a rigorous assessment process. They work either in their own schools (in-reach) or with the LA (outreach) to promote high quality teaching and learning.

2.2 Emma Senior has been the AST for RE in Staffordshire since September 2007. At the meeting, she will share an outline of her work with members and give examples of support offered to schools to date in the academic year 2009-2010

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members receive the report.

4 Background

4.1 Following a rigorous assessment process, Emma Senior was appointed AST for RE in Staffordshire in the summer of 2007 and took up her role in September of that year.

4.2 An AST relinquishes management roles in school to take on additional work on behalf of the LA. Emma continues to be an active member of the RE department at Alleyne's High School for four days a week but works with the Senior Adviser for RE to support and promote RE in the county on the fifth day. Emma has Thursdays for her LA work.

4.3 This arrangement means that Emma is able to continue to develop her expertise within school whilst sharing her ideas with other practitioners. The school also benefits from her experience working in other establishments

4.4 At the meeting, Emma will share an outline of her work to date and in particular the schools she has supported in 2009-2010.

5 Equal Opportunities

5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

6 Financial implications

6.1 There are no financial implications.

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Report of the Corporate Director (Children Young People and Families) Religious Education in English Schools: Non-statutory guidance 2010

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an opportunity for members to consider the document 'Religious education in English schools: Non-statutory guidance 2010'.
- 1.2 This document replaces the guidance given on religious education in Circular 1/94. It does not replace the guidance on collective worship also contained in the Circular.

2 Summary

- 2.1 The Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF) recently drafted updated guidance on religious education in English schools to replace the relevant sections in Circular 1/94.
- 2.2 Comments were invited during a period of consultation and the document has been rewritten to take account of feed back. A lengthy critique was returned on behalf of SACRE members.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That members take the opportunity to consider the document 'Religious education in English schools: Non-statutory guidance 2010'.
- 3.2 That members consider any response they wish to make to the document.

4 Background

- 4.1 The last government guidance on religious education and collective worship was issued through Circular 1/94 early in 1994. A revision of the guidance with reference to religious education **only** was undertaken in 2009.
- 4.2 A draft document for consultation was issued by the DCSF in the summer of 2009. The Senior Adviser and Chair of SACRE produced a lengthy response on behalf of Staffordshire members and this was sent to the DCSF and to relevant officers at QCDA (Qualifications and curriculum Development Agency).
- 4.3 The final guidance has been issued to schools and can be found at <http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/teachingandlearning/subjects/re/guidance/> . Members will be issued with a hard copy at the meeting. An extract giving a checklist for SACRE's has been appended to this paper.
- 4.4 Members will be invited to discuss the document and to make any relevant response.

5 Equal Opportunities

- 5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

6 Financial implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications.

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Extract:

Religious education in English schools: Non-statutory guidance 2010-02-06

Checklist for an effective partnership between an LA and its SACRE/ASC

- Do the LA and its SACRE/ASC carry out their statutory duties?
- Is SACRE/ASC properly resourced and well supported by subject specialist advice and training?
- Do members of the SACRE/ASC have a shared vision and understanding of their aims and purpose, seeking to sustain their positive work in the light of changing needs and priorities?
- Are SACRE/ASC meetings purposeful and focused on the major priorities of improving the quality of RE in schools?
- Is the SACRE/ASC well informed about the quality of RE in schools and about wider LA and national priorities and developments affecting the subject?
- Has the LA adopted a high quality agreed syllabus that provides a good grounding for planning, teaching and learning in RE and enables the schools to deliver RE as part of a coherent curriculum?
- Is there an effective process of reviewing, revising, implementing, monitoring and evaluating the locally agreed syllabus?
- How far does the SACRE's partnership with the LA enable it to help teachers and schools raise standards in RE and the quality of RE teaching.
- How far does the SACRE contribute effectively to the community cohesion agenda by supporting inclusion in schools and improving engagement within the community?

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Report of the Corporate Director (Children, Young People and Families)
The SACRE Budget 2009 - 2010

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To advise members of SACRE of the current budget position

2 Summary

2.1 A breakdown of the SACRE budget for the financial year 2009 - 2010 is appended to this paper.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE receive the report

4 Background

4.1 A budget has been made available to support the work of SACRE during the financial year 2009 – 2010 as approved by the Corporate Director (Children, Young People and Families).

4.2 An account of the monies spent to date in relation to the budget for 2009-2010 is appended to this paper.

4.3 Continuing priorities for the year 2009-2010 include:

Professional development for SACRE members

Support for the Student Council for RE

Development of guidance materials to accompany the 2009 Agreed Syllabus

The SACRE Awards 2010

The SACRE Lecture

5 Equal Opportunities

5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

6 Financial implications

6.1 Financial implications are indicated in the budget account.

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SACRE Budget 2009/2010

Expenditure from 01/04/09 to 31/03/10

Allocation	-11650.00	
	-11650.00	
<u>Expenditure</u>	£	
<u>Adviser Time</u>		
Summer Term Meeting Prep	515.00	
Summer Term Student Council	515.00	
Autumn Term Meeting Prep	795.00	
Autumn Term Student Council	530.00	
Spring Term Meeting Prep	530.00	
Spring Term Student Council	530.00	
Attendance at meetings	795.00	
SACRE expenses		
SACRE Supply - Karen Knobbs	75.00	10040
SACRE Supply	300.00	10040
SACRE Supply - Celia Maddock	75.00	10040
REN42301	1000.00	41014
REN43601	2020.00	41014
Agreed syllabus printing	1284.2	
Student Council		
Student Council Taxis - Belgrave	150.00	38005
SACRE Meeting Taxis - KEVI Lichfield	100.00	38005
Student Council Taxi - Weston Rd High	56.00	38005
Student Council Taxis - Belgrave	150.00	38005
Student Council Taxis - Thomas Alleynes	60.00	38005
SACRE Meeting Taxis - KEVI Lichfield 20/11	140.00	38005
SACRE Meeting Taxis - KEVI Lichfield 18/06	110.00	38050
SACRE Meeting Taxis - Belgrave 20/11	228.40	38050
Polo Shirts	110.50	40030
Polo Shirts	8.50	40552
Student Council Meeting 23/04/09 catering	115.50	41014
Student Council Meeting 18/06/09 catering	62.50	41014
Student Council Meeting 20/11/09	432.25	41014
SACRE Awards		
Sacre Awards 02/07/09 catering	637.50	41014
Printing	84.00	43002
J Edwards - SACRE Awards	200.00	44316
S Joseph - SACRE Trophies	55.19	44316
NASACRE expenses		
NASACRE Annual Subscription	85.00	47202
NASACRE AGM	70.00	44206
	11819.54	
Total	169.54	