

**Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
15th February 2011**

Report of the Director of Children's Services

Celebrate RE March 2011: Staffordshire initiatives

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To brief members of SACRE on the planned events for Celebrate RE March 2011.

2 Summary

- 2.1 Celebrate RE in March 2011 will be a month long celebration of religious education in England and Wales. It aims to raise the profile of religious education in many ways for example through promoting good practice and strengthening community links.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That members of SACRE are updated on any new developments in this area.

4 Background

- 4.1 The Staffordshire RE conference will be held on the 3rd March 2011. It will be led by RE today. There will be an opportunity during the extended lunch break for members of SACRE to be available to share examples of their work with delegates.
- 4.2 The Kingston Centre will be inviting schools to submit work for display around the centre for the month of March to highlight the good practice that exists around the county.
- 4.3 Two free CPD opportunities for RE teachers during March have been circulated to teachers via the e-update system. These are:

'What's worth fighting for in RE?' – presentation and symposium on the future of RE – 1 March 2011 – Dewsbury Minster

'Treading on Eggshells?' Looks at tackling difficult topics in RE – 18 March 2011 – University of Huddersfield.

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 immediate financial implications

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