

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
17th June 2011
Report of the Director of Children's Services

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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Letters to Academies

A letter has now been written and sent to Academies. The letter gives guidance on legislation, invites Academies to continue using the Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus and offers appropriate support.

The Student Council for Religious Education

The student council members had a very successful second and third meeting. They attended a visit to a Hindu Mandir and Sikh Temple in Wolverhampton. The results of which will be shared during item 8 on the agenda SLN2.