

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

The SACRE Awards 2011 and the SACRE Lecture 2011

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To advise members of arrangements for the SACRE Awards and the SACRE Lecture 2011.

2 Summary

2.1 The SACRE Awards 2010-2011 will be held at the Gatehouse Theatre on Thursday 7th July.

2.2 The SACRE Lecture will be held at the Kingston Centre on the evening of Tuesday 20th September 2011.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE receive the report and make any recommendations regarding these two SACRE initiatives

4 Background

4.1 The **SACRE Awards** have been held annually since 2006. It is an opportunity to celebrate achievement and excellence in RE in Staffordshire. Nominees have previously been invited to an informal afternoon at the Seabridge Centre, where refreshments and entertainment are followed by presentation of certificates. This year in a change to proceedings and to raise its profile it has been proposed that we join together with Stafford Friends of Faith and hold a joint evening event. The event has always been much appreciated by those who attend and this year will be no different. Awards will continue to be given in four categories: pupils, teachers, schools/departments, members of the wider community.

4.2 Schools have been invited to submit nominations for the 2011 awards, but it is proposed that, on this occasion, the evening is also a celebration of peace and harmony between people of faith and a recognition of the success that interfaith networking can bring.

4.3 Members of SACRE are invited to attend along with other dignitaries including the Mayor and Councillors.

4.4 The speaker for the **SACRE Lecture** has been booked provisionally. Lat Blaylock, a high profile figure in the RE world and editor of RE Today Magazine, has agreed to speak. Lat spoke at the very first SACRE lecture and attracted a large crowd. Members are invited to note the date and to make suggestions regarding the format of the evening.

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 The cost of the Awards will be jointly funded by SACRE and Friends of Faith and the Lecture will be met from the SACRE budget.

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