

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

14th November 2011

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for People

Monitoring of Primary School Provision 2010-2011

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present members with an analysis of findings from the monitoring questionnaires for primary schools 2011.
- 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 to primary schools in the summer term 2010 are attached to this paper. Recommendations are identified.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That members of SACRE receive the findings from the 2011 primary questionnaires and consider the recommendations.

4 Background

- 4.1 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 In a change to the previous system of written questionnaires a new system of electronic questionnaires has been set up on SLN2. Schools have been invited to complete the online questionnaire through a letter and an e-update. With SACRE members now able to access SLN2 it is possible for members to view responses on a regular basis.
- 4.3 Information gathered through the monitoring exercise relating to RE in Staffordshire Schools can be shared via SLN2 at the meeting. Criteria for discussions is attached below.

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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Monitoring Provision 2010-2011

Collated responses

Returns

How many schools have responded?
Is this a reasonable return?

Subject leader

All schools named a subject leader for RE. In a few instances this was identified to be the headteacher.

Time

SACRE recommends 36-45 hours per year (45-60 minutes each week)

Use of Teaching Assistants (TAs)

How are they employed in the delivery of RE

Planning

Should be based on the Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus

Professional development

Have schools accessed CPD

Comments / Recommendations