

**Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education**  
**13<sup>th</sup> May 2009**  
**Report of the Corporate Director (Children and Lifelong Learning)**

**Professional Development Opportunities for SACRE Members**

**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To present members with a draft copy of the professional development programme available to teachers of RE in Staffordshire for 2009-2010
- 1.2 To invite members to consider an opportunity for their own professional development in the autumn term 2009.

**2 Summary**

- 2.1 Members will be presented with a draft copy of professional development arrangements for 2009-2010.
- 2.2 Members will be invited to consider their own professional development arrangements.

**3 Recommendation**

- 3.1 That members receive the information
- 3.2 That members discuss possibilities for their own professional development

**4 Background**

- 4.1 Each year the local authority offers a programme of professional development to teachers of religious education. Members will receive a draft copy of the programme to be made available in the academic year 2009-2010. An invitation is extended to SACRE members to attend any of the events. Advance notice should be given to the Senior Adviser for RE if members wish to participate.
- 4.2 At the summer term meeting members would normally receive an update on the uptake on professional activities for the academic year. As the meeting is taking place earlier than usual this information will be presented in the autumn when numbers have been finalised.
- 4.3 At an earlier meeting members discussed the possibility of an activity focusing on their own professional development. It has been suggested that an extended meeting be held in the autumn term, with refreshments being provided. This could be, for example, a lunch with a focused business meeting, refreshments and a training session. Alternatively the business meeting could start a little later followed by a buffet and a training session. Members will be invited to consider the suggestion and, if appropriate, to decide on a theme for their own professional development.

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**4 Equal Opportunities**

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

**5 Financial implications**

- 5.1 The cost of refreshments will be met from the SACRE budget.

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Provisional Professional Development Opportunities  
2009 - 2010**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Primary/Secondary</b>	<b>Title</b>
17.09.09	Primary REN	Special Schools Primary Network PM
22.09.09	All REB	The Fifth Annual SACRE Lecture: Guest Speaker Bishop Gordon
08.10.09	Primary REB	Religious Education for Teaching Assistants
15.10.09	Primary REB	To be decided (AM)
15.10.09	Primary REN	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Kingston (PM)
21.10.09	Secondary REN	Special Schools Secondary Network PM
22.10.09	Primary REN	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Coton Centre (PM)
03.11.09	Primary REN	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Seabridge (Twi)
10.11.09	Secondary REN	Religious Education Network (Secondary Strategy) Kingston (day)
11.11.09	Primary REN	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Chasewater (Twi)
25.11.09	Primary REB	Managing RE in the Primary School
03.12.09	Secondary REB	Religious Education Network for NQTs (Secondary) PM
09.12.09	Middle REN	Religious Education Network (Middle Schools) Kingston (AM)
09.12.09	Middle REB	Leading and Managing Religious Education in Middle Schools (PM)
13.01.10	Primary REN	Special Schools Primary Network PM
21.01.10	Primary REB	Getting started in RE in Staffordshire (for NQTs)
27.01.10	Secondary REN	Special Schools Secondary Network
25.02.10	All REB	The RE Conference 2010: Guest speaker Lat Blaylock
20.04.10	Secondary REB	Religious Education Network for NQTs (Secondary)
22.04.10	Primary REN	Special Schools Primary Network
18.05.10	Primary REN	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Kingston (Twi)
20.05.10	Primary REB	Getting the best from the Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus (Primary)
20.05.10	Primary REN	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Seabridge (PM)
25.05.10	Primary REN	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Chasewater (PM)
27.05.10	Primary REN	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Coton Centre (Twi)
10.06.10	Secondary REN	Special Schools Secondary Network
24.06.10	Secondary REN	Religious Education Network (Secondary Strategy) Kingston (AM)
24.06.10	Secondary REB	Getting the best from the Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus (Secondary)