

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
4th March 2010
Report of the Corporate Director (Children Young People and Families)
The Work of the Advanced Skills Teacher for RE

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To raise members' awareness of the work of the Advanced Skills Teacher (AST) for RE.
- 1.2 To give an update on the work of the AST 2009-2010

2 Summary

- 2.1 Advanced Skills Teachers are excellent practitioners in their own subject or aspect and are accredited through a rigorous assessment process. They work either in their own schools (in-reach) or with the LA (outreach) to promote high quality teaching and learning.
- 2.2 Emma Senior has been the AST for RE in Staffordshire since September 2007. At the meeting, she will share an outline of her work with members and give examples of support offered to schools to date in the academic year 2009-2010

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That members receive the report.

4 Background

- 4.1 Following a rigorous assessment process, Emma Senior was appointed AST for RE in Staffordshire in the summer of 2007 and took up her role in September of that year.
- 4.2 An AST relinquishes management roles in school to take on additional work on behalf of the LA. Emma continues to be an active member of the RE department at Alleyne's High School for four days a week but works with the Senior Adviser for RE to support and promote RE in the county on the fifth day. Emma has Thursdays for her LA work.
- 4.3 This arrangement means that Emma is able to continue to develop her expertise within school whilst sharing her ideas with other practitioners. The school also benefits from her experience working in other establishments
- 4.4 At the meeting, Emma will share an outline of her work to date and in particular the schools she has supported in 2009-2010.

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 financial implications.

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