

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
17th May 2010
Report of the Corporate Director (Children, Young People and Families)
Application for variation of practice

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To consider any requests that have arisen since the last meeting for variation of practice in accordance with the procedures identified in the Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2009.

2 Summary

2.1 In order to raise standards and ensure quality of provision at key stage 4 the 2009 Agreed Syllabus states that schools wishing to base their RE provision on an examination specification (Full Course, Short Course or Entry Level) which is not designated as Religious Studies must take advice from the SACRE

2.2 A pro-forma has been made available to schools to support applications for variation and can be downloaded from the LA RE website.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE consider the requests presented at the meeting.

4 Background

4.1 During the academic year 2008-2009 members were advised of concerns regarding the provision of RE at Clough Hall Technology School, Kidsgrove. The new protocol was followed and the school received three letters from the SACRE requesting information.

4.2 Following the third request, positive relations have been established with the school and a request for variation has been received.

4.3 A copy of the request will be provided at the meeting. Members will be invited to consider the request and suggest ways forward for the school.

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 immediate financial implications

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