

Meeting:	STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
Meeting date:	18 March 2016
Title of report:	UPDATE ON RE COMMUNITY NEWS
Report by:	RE Consultant – RE Today

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards Affected

Countywide

Purpose

To receive an update on recent national reports and RE initiatives and their implications for the teaching of religious education in Herefordshire schools.

Recommendation

THAT:

- (a) **Subject to any comments from SACRE, the report be noted.**

Alternative options

- 1 There are no alternative options as the broad role of SACRE is to support the effective provision of Religious Education and collective worship in schools.

Reasons for recommendations

- 2 To provide SACRE with up to date information on recent national reports and RE initiatives and their implications for the teaching of religious education in Herefordshire schools.

Key considerations

- 3 Updating SACRE meetings on local and national initiatives is a standing item on agendas for SACRE. The adviser to SACRE outlines headlines for discussion in order to decide whether there are implications for local schools. This report will inform decisions about the content of future continuing professional development (CPD) for RE teachers in the county. The benefits are that RE in Herefordshire schools takes note of new curriculum or assessment models and draws on best practice. If SACRE neglected to note these national developments, the quality of RE provision could potentially be reduced. SACRE's advice can affect the content and focus of future CPD, improving its relevance and usefulness. There are no immediate procurement, ICT, HR or communications issues arising from this, unless SACRE decide that the only way progress can be made is through increasing the funding to enable more CPD opportunities for schools.

Community impact

- 4 Section 390 of the Education Act 1996 requires Herefordshire Council to establish a Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE), to advise them on matters concerned with the provision of religious education and collective worship in county Schools.

Equality duty

- 5 SACRE should pay due regard to its public sector equality duty

Financial implications

- 6 There are no financial implications.

Legal implications

- 7 There are no legal implications.

Risk management

- 8 There are no risks associated with this report.

Consultees

- 9 None.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - New initiatives in RE: Report update for Herefordshire SACRE.
- Appendix 2 – RE Quality Mark: Recognising outstanding learning in religious education.

Background papers

- None identified.