

OFSTED REPORT: MAKING SENCE OF RELIGION

Report By: Democratic Services Officer

Purpose

1. To consider the findings contained in the OfSTED report "Making Sense of Religion: a report on religious education in schools and the impact of locally agreed syllabi".

Background

2. On Sunday 17th June 2007 OfSTED released their report "Making sense of religion: a report on religious education in schools and the impact of locally agreed syllabi". A copy of the OfSTED press release covering the report is attached at appendix 1. Copies of the full report have been issued to Members of SACRE with this agenda. The full report can be made available to the public on request or by visiting the OfSTED web site at www.ofsted.gov.uk
3. The full report contains a number of recommendations to the DfES, Local Authorities, SACRE and schools to bring about improvements to religious education. SACRE may wish to consider the recommendations in the light of the Herefordshire Agreed Syllabus and how the Local Authority supports Religious Education in the County.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT SACRE consider the OfSTED report and where thought appropriate comment on issues to be raised with the Local Authority.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- **None identified.**