

DRAFT HEREFORDSHIRE SACRE ANNUAL REPORT – ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

Report By: Democratic Services Officer

Purpose

1. To comment on the draft SACRE Annual Report for the academic year September 2009 to July 2010 prior to submission to QCDA.

Report

2. SACREs are required to produce an annual report for submission to QCDA (formerly QCA). The draft annual report, copies of which have been issued to members of SACRE, gives an indication of the work of Herefordshire SACRE during the academic year September 2009 to July 2010. Copies of the draft have been issued to members with the agenda and are available to the public on request.
3. Members may be aware that the Government decided to close QCDA as part of its wider reform of education. The Clerk to SACRE has made enquiries of QCDA concerning the future of Annal Reports, and received the following: “As part of QCDA’s function of keeping the curriculum under review until March 2011, we will ensure that evidence from SACRE reports as a whole is appropriately considered. However, as QCDA is being abolished, this is likely to be the last year in which we will be able to receive SACRE reports. In due course, the Department for Education will decide on any alternative arrangements regarding SACRE reports”.
4. Members will recall that QCDA introduced an annual report template which set out the themes and key questions for the report. In the absence of further guidance from QCDA the same report template has been used for this years report.
5. SACRE will have received at this meeting a report on the results of Religious Education examinations in the County and these details, together with any appropriate comments made by SACRE, will also be included in the final document.
6. Information from the reports and minutes of your meetings have been used by officers to complete the report in accordance with the report template. SACREs input is requested in relation to the last section headed ‘Summary’ on which SACRE may wish to offer its thoughts.
7. Final proof reading will be undertaken prior to finalising the report. The final report is required to be submitted to QCDA before the end of December 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a) SACRE offer its thoughts on the completion of the section headed ‘Summary’; and

b) subject to any comments by SACRE and final proof reading the SACRE Annual Report 2009/10 be submitted to QCDA.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None identified.