

**PROVISION OF RE CONSULTANCY SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS FROM  
APRIL 2011****Report by: Lead Officer for SACRE****Purpose**

To update SACRE on budget provision and the commissioning of specialist RE consultancy

**Report****• Budget update**

The leadership team for children's services within the People's Directorate has confirmed a budget for the current financial year. The lead officer for SACRE will manage the budget.

The major expenditure is to secure specialist RE consultancy for advice and support for SACRE and schools.

SACRE pays an annual subscription to NASACRE. The benefits are advice and guidance from a national council that networks with SACREs across the country and provides guidance.

There is a small contingency amount that might remain flexible, for example to enable a representative of SACRE to attend the annual NASACRE conference, to respond to an unplanned opportunity or need or to extend planned work.

**• Consultancy support for schools from April 2011**

At the request of the lead officer for SACRE on behalf of the Council's school improvement service, the contracts officer has issued a contract to RE Today requesting 20 days consultancy from Stephen Pett.

The lead officer to SACRE will liaise with Stephen over priorities for supporting schools and new protocols for working with schools in the context of service level agreements with LA maintained schools and non LA maintained schools.

Some contracted consultancy time will be allocated to supplement support for the NASACRE multi faith project.

**• Monitoring school provision and performance**

The lead officer will liaise with the Quality and Improvement Service data team on collection of examination data and school provision of RE information to inform reports to SACRE.

**Recommendation**

That SACRE note this report.