

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>18 March 2016</b>
<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES 2016/17</b>
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## **Classification**

Open

## **Key Decision**

This is not an executive decision.

## **Wards Affected**

Countywide

## **Purpose**

To receive a report on opportunities for professional development in 2016 and 2017.

## **Recommendation**

**THAT:**

- (a) 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 opportunities for professional development in 2016 and 2017.

## **Key considerations**

- 3 SACRE decided at its meeting on 20 November 2015 to support, within the

constraints of the available budget, on-going continuing professional development (CPD) training for schools and in particular to support the implementation of its revised agreed syllabus, the production of which is a statutory duty for Herefordshire Council. The theme, focus and content of the CPD are discussed by SACRE, but the setting up, running and delivery of the CPD is undertaken by RE Today Services on behalf of SACRE. This report will enable SACRE to ensure that the quality and focus of CPD suits Herefordshire schools and reflects current local needs and national developments. This is not a change from the current situation, but feedback from previous CPD shows how highly Herefordshire schools value the CPD provided by SACRE via RE Today and how much this supports and improves local RE in schools. Failure to provide these CPD opportunities would limit development of quality RE.

## **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 – Professional Development Opportunities for 2016/17.

## **Background papers**

- None identified.