

Meeting:	STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
Meeting date:	18 March 2016
Title of report:	INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2016
Report by:	The Chairman, SACRE

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards Affected

Countywide

Purpose

To consider invitations to the celebration of the United Nations International Day of Peace 2016 to be held in Hereford Cathedral in September 2016.

Recommendation

THAT:

- (a) **suggestions for individuals to be invited to the Day of Peace be provided by members of SACRE.**

Alternative options

- 1 That SACRE does not involve itself in the organisation of the Day of Peace celebrations, and that invitations to the event are left to the Herefordshire Interfaith Group.

Reasons for recommendations

- 2 To consider the invitation of dignitaries and faith representatives to the celebration of the United Nations International Day of Peace 2016 to be held in Hereford Cathedral in September 2016.

Key considerations

- 3 The International Day of Peace (“Peace Day”) is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by resolution 36/37, the United Nations General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.
- 4 Hereford Cathedral hosted its first Peace Day Service on 20 September 2015. The service was organised by the newly formed Herefordshire Interfaith Group and opened by the Canon Chancellor of Hereford Cathedral and the Venerable Tenzin Choesang.

Community impact

- 5 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

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

Financial implications

- 7 There are no financial implications.

Legal implications

- 8 There are no legal implications.

Risk management

- 9 There are no risks associated with this report.

Consultees

- 10 None.

Appendices

- None.

Background papers

- None identified.