

Meeting:	STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
Meeting date:	Friday 9 November 2018
Title of report:	Plans for Professional Development and Primary RE Survey
Report by:	Director of Children and Families and RE Consultant – RE Today

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

(All Wards);

Purpose and summary

1. To review the feedback from the 2018 conferences and to consider arrangements for the 2019 conferences and other opportunities for supporting the implementation of the new agreed syllabus. To comment on the draft Primary RE survey.

Recommendation(s)

That:

- a. **SACRE notes the feedback from the 2018 conferences and comments on plans for professional development in 2019; and**
- b. **Considers and agrees the primary RE survey for circulation.**

Alternative options

2. The broad role of SACRE is to support the effective provision of Religious Education and collective worship in schools. This report enables SACRE to fulfil this role therefore no alternative options are proposed.

Key considerations

3. The annual conferences are the sole RE CPD opportunity supported and promoted by SACRE to enable the implementation of the agreed syllabus.
4. This report contains details of the evaluations completed following the primary and secondary RE conferences (appendices 1 and 2). There is also a table showing attendance at the conferences over the period 2011 – 2018 (appendix 3).
5. The draft primary RE survey proposed for circulation is attached as appendix 4. Plans for professional development in 2019 including draft conference programmes is attached as appendix 5.

Community impact

6. The provision of Religious Education and collective worship seeks to increase understanding and tolerance of all religions in local communities.

Equality duty

7. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
8. The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires the council to consider how it can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations and demonstrate that 'due regard' is paid during decision making concerning the design of policies and the delivery of services. The provision of religious education seeks to contribute positively to the specific duty by increasing the understanding and tolerance of all religions in local communities. SACRE contributes to this duty by advising the LA on its arrangements for religious education.

Resource implications

9. There are no resource implications involved in the production and consideration of this report.

Legal implications

10. Section 390 of the Education Act 1996 requires the council to establish a permanent body, called a Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE), to advise them on matters concerned with the provision of Religious Education and Collective Worship.
11. SACRE's main function is to advise the council upon matters connected with religious

worship in County Schools and with the religious education to be given in accordance with an agreed syllabus as the LA may refer to the SACRE or as the LA may see fit. The organisation of the annual conferences and this report assist SACRE to fulfil its statutory function.

Risk management

12. During the production of this report there has been an assessment of the likely risk management implications. It is not considered that risk of any significance arises from the production or contents of this report.

Consultees

13. None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Herefordshire SACRE Primary RE Conference June 2018 - Evaluations
Appendix 2 – Three Counties SACREs: Secondary RE Conference June 2018 – Evaluations
Appendix 3 – Conference attendance 2011- 2018
Appendix 4 – Primary RE Survey
Appendix 5 – SACRE Plans for Professional Development 2018-2019

Background papers

None identified