



Appointment of Representatives to the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) oversees religious education (RE) and collective worship. It is required by law that RE be taught in schools. However, RE is not part of the National Curriculum so it is a local responsibility.
- 1.2 SACRE is designed to represent all the interests of the local community, including elected members, representatives of faith communities and members of the education community. Representatives are appointed for a four-year term, after which their membership requires renewal by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To appoint the following representatives to SACRE for a four-year term:

Group A (Christianity and Other World Faiths)

Maryam Djavid (Bahai Faith)
Raj Bali (Hindu Faith)
Phil Royle (Methodist Church)
Joan Price (Pentecostal Church)
Lucy Care (Religious Society of Friends)
Kate Tippen (Roman Catholic Church)
Wendy Jordan (Salvation Army)
Rev Roy Ninkovic (Serbian Orthodox Church)
Rev Mrs Mair Bradley (United Reformed Church)
Ruth Dolby (Jewish Faith)
Forid Miah (Islamic Faith)
Arshid Rafiq (Islamic Faith)
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon (Sikh Faith)

Group B (Church of England)

Rosemary Wibberley
Viv Lawrence
Alison Brown
Maxine Bull

Group C (Teachers' Associations)

Jane Oldershaw (ATL)
Kate McRae (NAHT)
Kelly Bradley (NUT)
David Nichols (SHA)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 According to the constitution of SACRE, representatives on SACRE are appointed for a four-year term, after which their membership requires renewal by Council.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The main function of SACRE is to advise the Local Education Authority on matters related to collective worship in community schools and some other schools and on the religious education given in accordance with their agreed syllabus. SACRE publishes an annual report of its work.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	n/a
Financial officer	n/a
Human Resources officer	n/a
Service Director(s)	n/a
Other(s)	None.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 None directly arising.

Legal

- 2.1 Under Section 390 to 392 Education Act 1996, the Council is required to constitute a SACRE and appoint persons to it taking all reasonable steps to assure themselves that they are of the religion, denomination or associations in question.

Personnel

- 3.1 None directly arising.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 None directly arising.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None directly arising.

Carbon commitment

- 6.1 None directly arising.

Value for money

- 7.1 None directly arising.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 8.1 None directly arising.