

*STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION*

MONDAY, 6TH OCTOBER 2008

**INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS PER
CYCLE.**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to highlight the problems relating to the attendance of members at meetings of SACRE and the need to progress the statutory functions of SACRE.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That SACRE agree to increase the number of meetings from one per term to two meetings per term as indicated in Item Number 16.

3. Background

- 3.1 recent meetings of SACRE have seen a considerable reduction in attendance by members. The last meeting of the Council was inquorate and those members present were of the view that the infrequency of meetings was not particularly helpful. It was considered that by holding meetings twice per term, there would be more continuity and agendas could be themed and more focussed. It would also be necessary to include an update on the review of the Agreed Syllabus on each agenda to ensure that adequate progress can be made. Members felt that the time between meetings under the current system was counter productive to progressing schemes of work and resulted in delays in progressing decisions. An increase in the number of meetings would ensure rapid progress in the work of SACRE.

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Background Papers: None

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