### ITEM NO.: 8

#### WALSALL COUNCIL

# STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# MONDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2011

# INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF

## 1.0 **Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Members on the progress of introducing an induction programme for public services staff (See Appendix 1).

### 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 (a) That the programme for the one day induction of public service staff be agreed;
  - (b) That Members, together with the appropriate officers, take all necessary action to progress the induction sessions.

### 3.0 Background

- 3.1 At previous SACRE meetings, Members had discussed the benefits that could be gained by introducing an induction programme for staff who would be joining the public service sector in Walsall.
- 3.2 It had been recognised that, outside London and Birmingham, Walsall had the next highest concentration of multi-cultural area. An induction programme would give new staff from all services, including police, WHG, the Council knowledge of issues specific to the area and contacts for various community and religious groups who could be of assistance to them.
- 3.3 It is expected that the induction programme would be self-financing as the organisations using the service would be charged.

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