

WALSALL COUNCIL

*STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION*

MONDAY, 18 JULY 2016

APPOINTMENT OF STRATEGY SUB-GROUP

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to set out the option to establish and appoint Members to the SACRE Strategy Sub-Group.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That consideration be given as to whether it is necessary to establish as Strategy Sub Group and;
- 2.2 If it is the wish of SACRE to do so that one representative from each of the under-mentioned Groups be appointed to the SACRE Strategy Sub-Group:-

Local Education Authority
Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education
Christian and other religious denominations
Teacher representative

3 Background

- 3.1 In 2002 SACRE gave approval to one representative from each Group being appointed to work on the Development Plan, formulate SACRE Agendas and any other work as required by SACRE. The under-mentioned persons were appointed to represent the Groups indicated for 2015/16:-

Mr. C. Hopkins – Local Education Authority
Mr. D. Lomax – Christian and other religious denominations
Councillor Rochelle – Local Authority
Vacancy – Teacher's Association representative

- 3.2 The group can be extended to form the Agreed Syllabus Working Group and to provide wider representation as required.

- 3.3 The current Agreed Syllabus was in use in schools from September 2010 and reviewed in 2016. The revised Agreed Syllabus was approved by SACRE on 14 March, 2016, Cabinet on 16th March, 2016 and Council on 11th April, 2016.
- 3.2 SACRE, at its meeting held on 11 March, 2013 agreed to extend the remit of the Sub-Group to consider SACRE self-evaluation with a view to progressing to advanced criteria.
- 3.3 The Sub-Group also sets the agenda for SACRE meetings and meets as follows:-
- Wednesday, 14 September, 2016
Wednesday, 8 February, 2017
Wednesday, 21 June, 2017
- Meetings commence at 4.30 p.m. in a Conference Room, Council House, Walsall
- 3.3 The Strategy Sub Group has met less frequently over recent times with agenda being set electronically in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair. Members of SACRE are asked to take a view as to whether it wishes to re-establish the Sub Group.

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4 July, 2016