

Council

17th April, 2023

**Agenda
Item No.**

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**Changes to the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
Constitution**

1. Aim

- 1.1 To inform the Council of a summary of the debate at a meeting of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE). Notably whether membership should include voting representee(s) of non-religious worldwide views/beliefs, such as Humanism, within Group A (Religions).

2. Summary

- 2.2 At its meeting held on 20th March, 2023, SACRE considered a report (appendix 1) and, save for one member that voted against the proposal, agreed that Council be recommended to approve an amendment to the SACRE Constitution to include 2 two voting representatives, having secular beliefs, within category 'A'.
- 2.2 It was further recommended BY SACRE that x1 vacancy be filled by a Humanist representative, as an application has been made and x1 be available to another secular belief, subject to application.
- 2.1 Whilst SACRE must be consulted on proposals to amend the constitution and indeed membership, it is for Council to determine the matter.

3. Recommendations

That Council:

- 3.1. Approves an amendment to the constitution of SACRE, to include two voting representatives for people with non-religious worldwide affiliation or beliefs not represented by any other membership Group so long as the non-religious belief is analogous (similar or equivalent) to a religious belief, within category A; and
- 3.2 That x1 vacancy be filled by a Humanist representative as an application has been made, on a permanent basis and x1 be available to another secular belief, subject to application.

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