

6 January 2021		ITEM: 5
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education		
Review of Thurrock SACRE Terms of Reference		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-Key	
Report of: Kenna-Victoria Healey, Senior Democratic Services Officer		
Accountable Assistant Director: Michele Lucas, Assistant Director Learning Inclusion and Skills		
Accountable Director: Shelia Murphy, Corporate Director of Children's Services		
This report is public.		

Executive Summary

Members of Thurrock SACRE requested to update the membership of the committee, in particular Committee D – The Local Authority.

Whilst considering amendments to the membership of the committee, it was found that parts of the constitution were out of date and therefore the decision was taken by officers to amend the terms of reference to bring them up to date.

1. Recommendations:

- 1.1 That SACRE agree the revised Constitution of Thurrock SACRE as set out in Appendix 1.**

2 Introduction and Background:

- 2.1 There have been no legislative changes that have required the Thurrock SACRE constitution to be amended and / or updated. However Circular 1/94, Religious Education and Collective Worship issued in 1994 has since been replaced by Religious Education in English Schools: Non-statutory Guidance 2010 which replaced the elements of Circular 1/94 that related to RE.
- 2.2 The proposed revised terms of reference of Thurrock SACRE are attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 Any Constitutional changes may be made at a meeting of a quorate SACRE. The Local Authority can also alter the terms of reference; however SACRE must be consulted upon before doing so.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options:

- 3.1 Members may wish to suggest amendments to the revised term of reference and this can be done at the meeting.

4. Reasons for Recommendation:

- 4.1 The composition of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education should reflect its prime purpose, to support, in the best way possible, the teaching and development of the Agreed Syllabus for RE in schools and the terms of reference should reflect this.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 None.

6. Impact on Corporate Policies, Priorities, Performance And Community Impact

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **David May**
Strategic Lead Finance

There are no financial implications to this report

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Lucinda Bell**
Education Lawyer

Section 390 of the Education Act 1996 requires that the Local Authority constitutes a Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education. Certain representative groups are required under section 4 of this provision. Other members may be co-opted.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Rebecca Lee**
Team Manager, Community Development

The proposed updated terms of reference, their administration including the appointment of representatives complies with all relevant legislative requirements including the Equality Act 2010.

7.4 **Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental**

- None

8. **Background Papers Used In Preparing This Report (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):**

- None.

9. **Appendices to This Report:**

- Appendix 1 - Revised Thurrock SACRE Constitution with track changes.

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