

15 July 2015		ITEM: 8
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education		
Annual Report 2013-2014		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-Key	
Report of: Deborah Weston: Associate RE Adviser		
Accountable Head of Service: Roger Edwardson, Strategic Leader, School Improvement, Children, Education & Families		
Accountable Director: Carmel Littleton, Director of Children's Services		
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Executive Summary

This report presents the Annual Report to members of SACRE for approval

1. Recommendations:

1.1 That SACRE accept this report as an accurate record of its work in the year 2013-2014.

2. Introduction and Background:

2.1 It is a legal requirement that SACRE submit an annual report of its activities to the local authority.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options:

3.1 Members are requested to accept, amend or reject the report.

4. Reasons for Recommendation:

In order that SACRE fulfils its statutory duty to publish an annual report.

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

5.1 Not applicable.

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

6.1 SACRE ensures that:

- the Local Authority reviews its Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education on a regular basis;
- publishes an Annual Report of its work;
- offers guidance on resources and methods of teaching and in consultation with Thurrock Schools;
- monitors the quality of provision for RE and Collective Acts of Worship in Thurrock.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

There are no Financial Implications within this report.

Implications verified by: **Kay Goodacre**
Finance Manager

7.2 Legal

This report requests consideration and acceptance or amendment of the annual report, which SACRE has a duty to publish annually. There are no further legal comments to make.

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

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Although there are no direct diversity implications, the Annual Report demonstrates how the work of SACRE continues to promote an understanding of different religions and belief in Thurrock schools therefore promoting community cohesion.

Implications verified by: **Becky Price**
Community Development Officer

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

Not applicable.

8. **Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- Minutes of SACRE meetings 2013-2014

9. **Appendices to the report**

- Appendix 1 - SACRE Annual Report 2013-2014

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