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| 7 December 2016 | | ITEM: 10 |
| Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education | | |
| Thurrock SACRE Annual Report 2016 | | |
| Wards and communities affected: All | Key Decision: Non-Key | |
| Report of: Deborah Weston, Associate Adviser for Religious Education | | |
| Accountable Head of Service: Roger Edwardson, Strategic Lead, School Improvement, Learning and Skills | | |
| Accountable Director: Rory Patterson, Director of Children's Services | | |
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Executive Summary

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

1. Recommendation(s)

That SACRE accept this report as an accurate record of its work for the period September 2014-July 2016

2. Introduction and Background

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

4.1 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 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

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

There are no financial implications for this report.

7.2 Legal

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

SACRE is asked to accept, reject or amend the report. S391 of the Education Act 1996 requires SACRE to publish a report as to the exercise of its functions and any action taken by representative groups on the council during the last year. The section states that “The council’s report shall in particular -

- a) specify any matters in respect of which the council have given advice to the authority,
- b) broadly describe the nature of the advice given, and
- c) where any such matter was not referred to the council by the authority, give the council’s reasons for offering advice on that matter.”

7.3 Diversity and Equality

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

Although there are no direct diversity implications, the Annual Report demonstrates how the work of SACRE continues to promote an understanding of different religion in education therefore promoting cohesion.

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

- Not applicable

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

- None.

Appendices to This Report:

- Appendix 1 - Annual Report Of The Thurrock Standing Advisory Council On Religious Education September 2014 - July 2016

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