

<b>7 December 2016</b>		<b>ITEM: 8</b>
<b>Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education</b>		
<b>Review of Thurrock SACRE Terms of Reference</b>		
<b>Report of:</b> Kenna-Victoria Martin, Senior Democratic Services Officer		
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b> All	<b>Key Decision:</b> Non-Key	
<b>Accountable Head of Service:</b> Roger Edwardson, Interim Strategic Leader, School Improvement, Learning & Skills		
<b>Accountable Director:</b> Rory Patterson, Corporate Director of Children's Services		
<b>This report is public.</b>		

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Members of Thurrock SACRE requested an update report on the membership of the committee at their last meeting.

Whilst considering amendments to the membership of the committee, it was found that parts of the constitution were out of date and therefore the decision was taken by officers to amend the terms of reference to bring them up to date.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 However Circular 1/94, Religious Education and Collective Worship issued in 1994 has since been replaced by Religious Education in English Schools: Non-statutory Guidance 2010 which replaced the elements of Circular 1/94 that related to RE.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 SACRE 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: **Laura Last**  
**Senior Finance Officer, Management Accounts**

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 Price**  
**Community Development Officer**

There are implications based on the information about religion for the way that the diversity of the population of Thurrock is reflected in the provision for Religious Education in local schools, therefore there are implications on the different groups identified in this report.

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

- None

**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 - Revised Thurrock SACRE Constitution

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