

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)
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Title:	SACRE Annual Report 2018/19
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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform SACRE of its activities for the development of RE in the county during the last academic year.

Recommendation(s)

2. That SACRE approves the report and that it is made available to the relevant authorities and on the appropriate websites.
3. That SACRE expresses concern to the County Council regarding the provision of RE at Key Stage 4 and the decline in the uptake of training by teachers.

Executive Summary

4. This report presents to SACRE its Annual Report (attached as Appendix 1) with the purpose of informing SACRE of its activities in the past year and in doing so to highlight key issues for future consideration. This is especially in light of SACRE's three-year plan as agreed in November 2017 (attached as Appendix 2).

Contextual information

5. It is a duty of SACRE to provide a report on its activities each year.

Other Key Issues

6. The Annual Report for detailing SACRE's work in 2018/19 is attached for SACRE's approval. This will be forwarded to the NASACRE Annual Reports website, the Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) and made publicly available on the Hampshire website (Hantsnet).
7. Analysis of the attendance of SACRE meetings has shown there are some gaps in attendance and membership.
8. A key cause for concern revealed by this report regarding RE in Hampshire is the reduction in GCSE entries and associated concern of provision for RE at KS4 in Local Authority schools.
9. A further cause for concern is the decline in the number of teachers attending the training courses offered.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	no
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation).
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it.
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic.
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it.
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

SACRE's core business is to ensure high quality religious education in Hampshire which, it is intended, will make a positive difference to the way young people 'think speak and act in the world' (See purpose statement of Living Difference III 2016, the agreed syllabus for religious education in Hampshire).