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To: The Chair and Members  
of the Standing Advisory  
Council on Religious  
Education

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**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Thursday, 9th February, 2023

A meeting of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education is to be held on the above date at 10.00 am at Committee Suite - County Hall to consider the following matters.

Jan Spicer  
Interim Chief Executive

**A G E N D A**

**PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE**

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2022.

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

#### 4 Devon SACRE Membership

The legal requirements for a SACRE are that four groups should be appointed, each group appointing a spokesperson.

In order to reflect the requirements of the agreed syllabus in Devon and the religions taught in Devon schools the membership of each group are as follows:

Group A - Christian and other Religion and Belief Communities (with the exception of the Church of England)

Group B - The Church of England

Group C - Teachers Associations

Group D - The County Council

Groups have been asked to nominate a Spokesperson and report back to the meeting.

### **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

#### 5 Standards: Monitoring and Ofsted reports (Pages 7 - 14)

The Committee will receive an update on the findings of the recent Ofsted reports, particularly where comments relate to Religious Education (RE), collective worship or Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development (SMSC) of pupils.

The report recommends that SACRE officers should contact a few specified schools to either congratulate them on their outstanding practice, or to offer curriculum support in specified areas.

#### 6 Devon SACRE: Agreed Syllabus Review

The purpose of this report is to update SACRE members on the progress of the review of the Devon Agreed Syllabus. An Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) will need to be set up to coordinate the process. The ASC has a similar structure to the main SACRE body, so requires at least one member from each Group (A-D).

It is recommended that SACRE members contact the SACRE clerk following the meeting to put their names forward for this role.

An initial meeting of the ASC will be called during the Spring Term 2023 to scope the role and purpose of the group. This will be done in conjunction with members of Torbay SACRE

#### 7 Learn Teach Lead RE: updates

The Committee will receive an update on the progress of the Learn, Teach, Lead RE (LTLRE) hub network. A successful annual conference was held in October 2022, with over 100 delegates attending an in-person day conference at the St Mellion Conference Centre. This conference was addressed by Dr Richard Kueh, Ofsted lead for RE.

Hub leaders were invited to meet together in the preceding afternoon for a training session, making this a residential conference for them. This was very much appreciated, and the time was used well for future Agreed Syllabus planning. More training is planned for the Spring and Summer terms 2023.

Many hubs have been meeting in person over the last year, with others continuing to offer their meetings virtually. The new SWIFT hub has been very successful.

8 National Developments (Pages 15 - 16)

For the Committee to receive key messages with regards to the National campaign for all children in all schools to receive a high quality education in RE/religion and world views.

9 Holocaust Memorial Day:

For the Committee to receive an update on Holocaust Memorial Day 2023 where the theme was 'Ordinary People'.

10 Exploring Diversity in Devon Schools

The Committee will receive a presentation from Head Teacher, Lorna Legg, exploring diversity in Devon schools.

**STANDING ITEMS**

11 Future SACRE Meetings

The next meeting of SACRE will be held at 10.00am on Friday 23 June 2023 at County Hall, Exeter

12 SACRE Training

The SW SACRE conference will be held on 6 March 2023

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