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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, 20th June, 2024

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

Donna Manson
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

Minutes of the meeting held on the 6 February 2024.

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 INFORMATION

4 Devon SACRE Membership

Group A- Christian and Other Religions and Belief Communities, with the exception of the Church of England

Leonore Newson is replacing Maia Miller as Pagan representative
Dr Dave Regis is replacing Keith Denby as Humanist representative

Group C - Teachers Associations

Susannah Cornwall is replacing David Tollerton as the Universities representative

Gerry Winnall has stepped down from the Committee

Group D – The County Council

Councillor Colin Slade is replacing Councillor Margaret Squires

STANDING ITEMS

5 Standards In Schools: Monitoring and Ofsted (Pages 5 - 8)

To update SACRE members on the findings published in recent Ofsted reports, particularly where comments relate to Religious Education (RE), collective worship or Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development (SMSC) of pupils. Where appropriate, the report may recommend that SACRE officers should contact specified schools to either congratulate them on their outstanding practice, or to offer curriculum support in specified areas.

Ofsted reports from a number of primary schools make reference to issues relating to RE/CW/SMSC. Most of these comments are very encouraging.

Two schools are being followed up specifically with regard to comments in their reports.

6 Devon and Torbay SACRE - Agreed Syllabus Review and Launch

To update SACRE members on the progress of the review of the Devon and Torbay Agreed Syllabus.

The new syllabus has been completed, ready for the launch in the summer term.

The new syllabus will be introduced for teaching from September 2024

Syllabus launch events will be taking place across Devon and Plymouth on Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th June 2024 (and online on 10th July), led by syllabus-writers Fiona Moss and Stephen Pett (RE Today). Further launch events are being planned for schools in the Autumn of 2024.

The cost of the new syllabus is £35 per school. SACRE has the assurance from the Local Authority that it will pay for a copy of the syllabus to go to every school in Devon (including academies). It is expected that a significant proportion of this cost will be recouped through the 'paid-for' launch events.

There will need to be ongoing training for teachers as a follow-up to the introduction of this new syllabus, partly via the LTLRE hub meetings and the annual conference.

7 Learn Teach Lead RE Update

To update SACRE members on the progress of the Learn, Teach, Lead RE (LTLRE) hub network.

The next annual conference 2024 will take place on 4th October 2024, at the St Mellion Conference Centre.

Hub leaders training takes place on 1st March, 5th July and 3rd October 2024.

The LTLRE hub groups across Devon continue to be successful, with termly meetings attracting both primary and secondary teachers of RE. These meetings take place both in person and online, depending on the context and topic being covered. The new SWIFT hub continues to be very successful.

8 Briefing for Devon schools Head Teachers

A verbal update will be given about the session the RE Advisor to Devon SACRE is giving to Devon Head Teachers on Thursday 27th June 2024.

9 Regional and National Developments: RE Hubs, National Content Standard in RE, Ofsted report, Religion and Worldviews Handbook

An update on the latest Regional and National developments will be given at the meeting.

10 Young Ambassadors Project update

An update will be given regarding the Young Ambassadors project previously reported to Devon SACRE led by the Association of RE Inspectors and Advisors.

The Devon SACRE Advisor is continuing work with Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust to train and empower a group of primary and secondary students to become Ambassadors for Freedom of Religion or Belief.

11 Holocaust Memorial Day: Planning for 2025

Holocaust Memorial Day on the 27 January 2025 theme will be 'For a better future'.

12 Future Devon SACRE meetings

Dates of future meetings to be held at 10.00am in the Committee Suite, County Hall, Exeter.

Monday 4 November 2024

Thursday 6 Feb 2025

Tuesday 17 June 2025

Thursday 13 Nov 2025

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