

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Report**

<b>Committee/Panel:</b>	SACRE
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**1. Summary**

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to inform SACRE of the refurbishments and improved facilities provided at the county RE Centre.

**2. Contextual information**

2.1. This paper supports the Corporate Strategy (maximising well being) by ensuring children's provision in religious education is secure.

2.2. During June and July the county RE Centre was refurbished, reorganised and amalgamated with the County History Centre.

**3. Finance**

3.1. The children's services branch of the local authority has financially supported the refurbishment and reorganisation of the RE Centre and its amalgamation with the county History Centre.

3.2. The county RE Centre provides a loan and advice service to schools on a subscription basis. Currently 380 Hampshire schools subscribe to the RE Centre.

3.3. Additional funding is raised through the sales of RE support publications and the loan or artefact boxes

**4. Other key issues**

4.1. The accommodation has been extended to provide a separate meeting room and book library and to accommodate the resources and personnel from the county History Centre.

4.2. This refurbishment provides extended and improved facilities for holding meetings and training sessions for teachers. It will also enable teachers to access support material from both RE and History during one visit.

**5. Recommendation**

5.1. That SACRE notes the report.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None