

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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1. Summary

1.1. The purpose of this report is to inform SACRE of recent activity of the Joint SACRE group, and to raise for discussion the possibility of this group progressing into becoming a SACRE 'Hub' as envisaged by the Religious Education Council report of 2013.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. Joint SACRE meetings began to take place again in September 2012 after a period of inactivity. The group formed initially of seven SACREs, Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton, Isle of Wight, West Sussex, Bournemouth and Poole determined its protocol and purpose, planning initially to meet twice each year as had formerly been the case. However after two meetings the group decided it would value meeting three times each year.
- 2.2. It was agreed at the time that the most central location for the meetings would be Winchester, and it was agreed that Hampshire would host the meetings and also give some leadership to the group.
- 2.3. The group has enlarged now to include representatives from twelve SACREs. In addition to the original group, other neighbouring SACREs have asked to join including Dorset, Wiltshire, West Berkshire, Surrey, Reading and Wokingham.
- 2.4. Our next meeting is in March and a key item for discussion at that meeting is the formation of this group into a 'Regional Hub' as envisaged by the Religious Education Council Review.
- 2.5. Notes of the meeting held on 27 November 2013 are attached as an appendix.

3. Proposal for formation of Regional SACRE 'hub'

- 3.1. The proposal to form a Central Southern Regional SACRE Hub is to be discussed at the next Joint SACRE meeting.
- 3.2. Membership of this hub is envisaged as being by subscription and managed by Hampshire Teaching and Leadership College (HTLC). The group will be managed by HTLC and included into the cost of the subscription will be time for the County Inspector Adviser to lead and manage the group.
- 3.3. The group will meet once each term with the purpose of, for example, networking good practice, sharing and discussing national and regional matters, sharing developments and running training for SACRE members and possible collaboration on the review and development of County Agreed Syllabi.

- 4. Recommendation:** That the County Inspector Adviser proceeds with working towards the establishment of a Regional SACRE Hub.

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

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

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. As a consequence of establishing a regional SACRE hub, equality is advanced through the improvement of religious education in the region.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. No impact on crime and disorder has been identified in this report.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No impact on climate change has been identified in this report.