

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to inform SACRE of the findings and discussions that have taken place during the meeting of the SACRE Monitoring Sub-Group on 6 October 2014.
- 1.2. The group was updated on the current situation regarding RS GCSE and discussed Ofsted reports since our last meeting, as well as the handbook to the new Ofsted Inspection Framework. The reports from five SACRE monitoring reports were considered and a further discussion took place on the supply of qualified specialist secondary teachers. It was agreed a further SACRE training session needs to be convened as soon as possible.

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. The Monitoring Sub-Group met on 6 October 2014 at the County RE Centre. Those attending were:
 - Chris Hughes (Chair)
 - Alistair Richardson Mohammed Ansar
 - Elizabeth Jenkerson Joyce Johnson
 - Patricia Hannam Judith Lowndes

3. Other key issues

- 3.1. GCSE data was not yet available so analysis of the Hampshire GCSE results was postponed to the next meeting.

- 3.2. Ofsted Reports and LA RE inspection and advice visits. One secondary Ofsted report had mentioned RE since our last meeting. This was a Hampshire school commenting on the high quality of questioning.
- 3.3. SACRE monitoring. Positive reports from visits to four primary schools and one secondary school were received and discussed. In addition to this, progress was noted in another school which had been visited in the last round of SACRE monitoring visits.
- 3.4. Implications of the handbook to the new Ofsted Framework, especially in relation to the new emerging relationship between RE and SMSC, was discussed. In addition to this it is anticipated that more Ofsted reports mention RE. No reports of Hampshire schools' inspections under the new framework had been published at the time of this meeting
- 3.5. SACRE training. In September further SACRE training on *Living Difference Revised 2011* was planned for early September, but as this date was not suitable for all those needing training a new date will be arranged for later in the term.
- 3.6. Supply of specialist RE teachers. Discussion also took place regarding the supply of well qualified specialist secondary RE teachers. At least three schools in the county were not able to appoint specialist teachers ready for teaching in September 2014. The reinstatement of the bursary for PGCE RE courses was welcomed and it is hoped that this will ensure the supply of new teachers will increase. It was noted that the number of different ways it is possible to train as a secondary teacher is still causing some confusion.
- 3.7. South Central SACRE Hub. It was noted that a successful bid to the Culham St Gabriel's Trust had been received to support two further meetings focussed on initial teacher training and continuing professional development of RE teachers.

4. Recommendation

- That SACRE notes the report.
- That the Chairman of SACRE writes to the headteachers of secondary schools regarding the offer that can be made to support RE and belief in light of the new framework for SMSC and the clear links with RE.

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.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. 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 under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

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

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

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

Monitoring Sub-Group has the intention to positively impact equality in terms of achievement in Religious Education.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

No impact on crime and disorder as a result of this report has been identified.

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 necessity for consideration of the need to adapt climate change and be resilient to its longer term impacts as a result of this report has been identified.