

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

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| Committee/Panel: | SACRE |
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| Title: | SACRE Monitoring Sub-Group |
| Reference: | 7027 |
| Report From: | Director of Children's Services |

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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 12 October 2015.
- 1.2. The group was updated on the current situation regarding RS GCSE and discussed Ofsted reports mentioning RE since the last meeting. The report from one SACRE monitoring visit was considered along with current teacher CPD needs. Terms of reference for the group were also discussed.

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 12 October 2015 at the County RE Centre.

Those attending were: Chris Hughes (Chair)

Cllr Chadd

Cllr Choudhary

Elizabeth Jenkerson

Joyce Johnson

Patricia Hannam

Justine Ball

3. Other key issues

- 3.1. GCSE data, as expected, was not yet available. It was agreed to look at the unverified data for Hampshire GCSE results at the next meeting.
- 3.2. Ofsted reports and local authority RE inspection and advice visits. Elements of Ofsted reports mentioning religion, belief or faith or collective workshop

since 1 June 2015 were considered. This is frequent in Ofsted reports and always used to support and evidence schools work on promoting children's Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development and the teaching of British values.

School improvement work related to RE is taking place in several Hampshire secondary schools aligned to the whole school improvement. This is being undertaken alongside other humanities interventions and the equity with which RE is being treated was noted positively.

- 3.3. SACRE monitoring. A report from one visit to a primary school was received and discussed.
- 3.4. Terms of reference for the Monitoring Sub-Group were discussed. Additional guidance and information received after this meeting revealed there is a need for further consideration.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1. That SACRE notes the report.
- 4.2. That SACRE asks the officers to consult on terms of reference for the Monitoring Group and to bring proposals to a future SACRE meeting.

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

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| 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. 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 to climate change and be resilient to its longer term impacts as a result of this report has been identified.