

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report for Information

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1) Purpose of Report:

- 1.1. This report provides SACRE with a brief summary of the proposal from the RE Council of England and Wales to launch a national celebration of religious education during the month of March 2011

2) Contextual Issues:

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

3) RE Celebration 2011: exploring values and beliefs for tomorrow's world

- 3.1 The RE Council of England and Wales is engaged in planning a bi-national RE Celebration throughout the month of March 2011. The purpose of the month is to celebrate RE's unique contribution to the learning and lives of children and young people in schools and colleges, to inspire and enthuse teachers, SACREs, faith and belief communities and members of the general public, and to encourage a wealth of events and experiences to show what RE at its best can be like.
- 3.2 The publicity material for the celebration states that 'Celebrating Religious Education' will:
 - celebrate Religious Education and its contribution to the education and personal development of all pupils
 - recognise the links between RE and local, regional and national faith communities

- raise public awareness of RE's distinctive contribution to society and social cohesion
- promote imaginative examples of debating the 'big questions' of meaning, purpose and moral responsibility
- promote creativity and excellence in RE
- disseminate case studies and models of good practice

'Celebrating Religious Education' will seek to encourage partnerships between:

- teachers, head teachers, advisers
- local authorities, SACREs, Inter Faith groups and local faith and belief communities
- parents, employers and the media

'Celebrating Religious Education': Suggested events:

- 'Open House' visits to places of worship
- exhibitions in schools and nurseries, libraries, museums, civic centres and shopping malls
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- festivals and special days in primary schools
- conferences for upper primary pupils, for Year 10/11 students, 6th formers and FE students on diversity and identity eg. 'Who do you think you are?'
- philosophical and ethical debates eg. 'Faith in the Future: aspirations and hope, or despair?' or 'Whose life is it anyway?'
- religious decision-making in business and politics religion in the media
- exploring religion in a creative context: images of life through the eyes of the artist, poet, sculptor, potter, dancer and musician
- creating spiritual gardening: places for reflection and meditation
- college and university-based open days and conferences

3) Conclusions: That SACRE considers the contribution that it can make to the Celebration year event in Hampshire.

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