

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 SACRE members are provided with publicity fliers (tabled at the meeting) to provide background information and plans for the Celebrating RE month in March 2011. The RE Council of England and Wales is engaged in promoting this RE Celebration. 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 **'Celebrating Religious Education': Suggested events:**

- 'Open House' visits to places of worship
- exhibitions in schools and nurseries, libraries, museums, civic centres and shopping malls
- 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

3.3 Some possible activities that SACRE members might support could include:-

- Inviting schools to display their RE work in SACRE members' local places of worship .
- Offering schools opportunities to visit members' local places of worship
- Offering to speak to pupils in a local school about their own particular faith with a focus on the school's chosen concept and unit of work
- Attending school celebration days as SACRE representatives to demonstrate interest and enthusiasm.

4) Conclusions:

- i) That SACRE discusses and agrees 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

Appendix 1:

Appendix 2: