

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report for Information

Title:	Networking with Local SACREs
Presented to:	SACRE
Presented by:	The Director of Children's Services
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1) Purpose of Report: Networking with local SACREs

1.1. This report on the SACRE network meeting is to inform SACRE of the issues raised at the meeting with a particular focus on the progress of the review of the joint agreed syllabus, Living Difference.

2) Contextual Issues:

2.1 The activities support the following Hampshire County Council priorities:

“Making Hampshire safer and more secure for all” – by encouraging better and more informed relations between communities and institutions.

“Maximising well-being” – by addressing common purpose amongst communities in Hampshire and its children

3) Summary of the meeting

3.1 Updates were received from the representatives:-

Southampton SACRE

- A plan is currently being put together for Southampton SACRE members to visit schools.
- Southampton have a Muslim representative who is working closely with the Southampton SACRE and SCOF, linking in schools and colleges. She also links with the Police and Prevent and Faith Organisations.
- The Southampton SACRE representative talked of a Buddhist exhibition being organised, which will be a national initiative.

Portsmouth SACRE

- The Jewish Way of Life exhibition was held in the summer term and most Portsmouth Schools were involved .
- A sub-group meeting for RE Celebration Month has been established.
- Teachers will be providing presentations at SACRE meetings to show what happens in their classes.
- The Portsmouth SACRE has new Humanist and Hindu representatives.

Bournemouth SACRE

- Bournemouth and Poole are currently working on the revised Agreed Syllabus together, although as the current syllabus is quite comprehensive, not many changes are expected.
- Bournemouth have had a Humanist representative since 2003 and have recently introduced a Baha'i co-opted representative.

Hampshire SACRE

- Hampshire representatives provided an update on the activities of SACRE to date and the progress made with the **review of the agreed syllabus, Living Difference**. A diagram was presented showing the current structure of the Syllabus and how it is put together. All changes have been completed ready for the Agreed Syllabus conferences held in each authority in the autumn 2010.

4) Recommendations:

- i) That SACRE notes the report.**

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

PROTOCOLS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR JOINT SACRE NETWORK MEETINGS.

1. The SACREs currently involved in the group are:-

Bournemouth
Hampshire
Isle of Wight
Portsmouth
Southampton

2. Representatives at meetings should be the Chair or Vice Chair of SACRE and/or the supporting officer from their local authority.

3. The aim of the group is to:-

Support SACREs in carrying out their duties efficiently and effectively

This will be achieved by

- Working collaboratively (with particular reference to Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton SACREs in relation to the shared agreed syllabus, Living Difference)
- Sharing ideas and initiatives
- Sharing resources where possible and practical

4. Representatives of the local SACREs should attend joint SACRE meetings or send a representative.

5. Joint SACRE meetings will be held twice a year and more frequently if required. Portsmouth, Southampton and Hampshire have agreed to host the meetings in their authorities on a triennial rota. The Clerk to the hosting SACRE is responsible for booking venues, communicating with group members and taking and distributing minutes.

6. In the case of issues or activities in which SACREs are involved that may be discussed in the public domain (e.g. in relation to RE, collective worship and Living Difference), members of the group should consult with representatives from the partner SACREs in order to agree a collaborative response to other agencies or the media.