

SACRE Annual report 2022-2023

Date: 18th July 2023

Report of: Director of Children and Families

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

- Every school in England must include religious education as part of its curriculum. Every local authority must appoint a Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education (SACRE) to support this provision.
- SACREs have a duty to publish an annual report, ideally by the 31st December each calendar year. This report has to be sent to the Secretary of State for Education as well as to key partners, including schools, teacher training institutions, libraries and councillors.
- This report considers the priorities for SACRE over the last year and the progress made on them; the main areas of discussions at SACRE meetings; work to review RE provision in secondary schools in Leeds; the Welcoming Schools initiative; results in RE in external exams; production of a Sensitivity to Faiths document and details of the professional support and training offered by SACRE consultants.

Recommendations

- a) Members are asked to note the content and recommendations set out within the appended report.

What is this report about?

1 The work of SACRE in 2022-2023.

What impact will this proposal have?

2 Councillors will have greater awareness of the work of SACRE and the opportunity to ask questions about it.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

3

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

4 The report has been considered by Leeds SACRE.

What are the resource implications?

5 SACRE recommends a review of the funding of SACRE to ensure it is in line with national recommendations and good practice. The DfE recommends that local authorities allocate 2% of Central School Services Block (CSSB) grant to SACRE.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

6 There are no immediate risks to consider.

What are the legal implications?

7 Current funding limits the work of SACRE in fulfilling its statutory duties.

Options, timescales and measuring success

This is an annual report which is reporting retrospectively so that options, success and timescales are not applicable in this instance.

What other options were considered?

8 N/A

How will success be measured?

9 N/A

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

10 N/A

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – SACRE Annual report

Background papers

- None