
Decision Maker: **Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education**

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TITLE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

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1. INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Chair and Consultant had meetings with the Assistant Director in January and agreed a costed development plan which was presented to the SACRE members at the Spring meeting.
- 1.2 The development plan was for four terms in order to move it into line with the Council's financial year. Attached is a report updating members on the progress of the plan.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 **Members to note contents of the report.**

Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Nil.
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**Item 6 Development Plan January 2012- March 2013
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1. **Youth SACRE** - The Youth SACRE have met once and a further meeting is being planned. Previous work by the group will form part of the guidance documentation of the new syllabus. It had been hoped that we would be able to film a church visit but so far this has proved too difficult to organise for a number of reasons.
2. **Make a Faith Directory for schools' use** - on the Fronter system Bromley SACRE page there is information about places of worship and a few speakers who have volunteered, and been checked. This seems to be the best place for this information as all RE coordinators now have access to the page (see 13 below).
3. **Evaluate SACRE work and establish priorities**- priorities have been established and discussed at the summer 2012 meeting.
4. **To comply with the statutory requirement to implement a 5-year review of the current syllabus** – meetings were held with Beverley Johnston and the SACRE committee agreed with the plan to revise the scheme of work and review and slightly amend the syllabus. This work has subsequently been ongoing (see Agenda Item 7).
5. **To prepare agenda, respond to any action from previous meetings and plan ongoing programme for SACRE committee meetings**- this continues to happen at the termly pre agenda meeting with the Chair and secretary.
6. **Training of committee members** – the training so far this year has revolved around the revision of the syllabus and continues to do so.
7. **SACRE consider reports and initiatives from NASACRE** – NASACRE annual meeting was reported on in the summer term. The current work of this organisation includes work on Circular 1/94 in which the RE consultant is involved. The Chair will be attending the annual London SACRE meeting.
8. **To report annually on the work of SACRE** – the annual report is underway and will be presented to the Spring meeting, having been checked by the Chair before being sent to NASACRE in December 2012.
9. **To monitor standards of RE and CW in Bromley Schools** – school visits are being undertaken with some support from the RE consultant
10. **Monitor National RE reports from OfSTED** – OFSTED no longer reports on individual subjects. The tri-annual long report on religious education is due to be published in December and will be reported on to SACRE in Spring 2013.
11. The Consultant attended a two day conference in July run by the association of religious education inspectors, advisors and consultants conference and a follow up day conference in October.

12. New orders for inspectors to look for evidence of Moral, Social and Cultural education within the ethos of the school were made in January 2012 and the consultant is currently working with others on a guidance document for schools to help them to highlight this aspect throughout the school, including in religious education.
13. **Ensure schools are aware of the statutory nature of RE** – the RE consultant regularly contacts coordinators and holds 3 meetings per year for the RE coordinators. With help from an administrator in Bromley, all the RE coordinators are now able to access the MLE system, Fronter, which the Consultant regularly updates with information and guidance on matters of RE and collective worship. Also the consultant is contacted by email and telephone by coordinators and responds to their requests for help.
14. **Annual Event 2012** – The launch of the new syllabus will be a big event and will need some budget. There was not an event during 2012 for this reason. However a special meeting of coordinators was called to discuss aspects of the new syllabus.