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

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

TITLE: SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2013-14

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 A draft plan for the following year is submitted annually at the Spring meeting.
- 1.2 This plan has been drawn up with due consideration to the statutory duties of SACRE, which are to:
- require the LA to review the locally agreed syllabus at least every five years;
 - produce an annual report, to be sent to the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA);
 - advise on matters relating to teaching methods, the choice of teaching material and the provision of training for teachers in RE and collective worship.
- 1.3 Consideration has also been given to the greater direct monitoring role of SACRE in the light of the changes to Ofsted inspection framework (eg analysis of examination results, school visits) and also to the self-evaluation process that SACREs are required to do.
- 1.4 All the work of SACRE is done with the aim of raising achievement in RE and improving the quality of teaching and learning, to improve the provision and quality of Collective Worship and to help promote pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. As a body representing various religions in Bromley, it supports inter faith dialogue and learning about religions for the promotion of respect and racial harmony.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 **Members are asked to adopt this draft development plan, suggesting any amendments.**

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Objective	Action	Responsibility	Date	Costs	Success criteria
Youth SACRE	At meeting discuss projects that YS would like to pursue Reps to attend future SACRE meetings	Religious Education (RE) Adviser	Termly	6 days of RE Adviser's time (2 per term)	Youth SACRE able to enhance the work of SACRE and teaching of RE in schools
Make a Faith Directory for schools' use	Organise the information gained so far into a useful directory Organise a training event for interested speakers Distribute finished document (either as booklet or via internet)	RE Adviser and interested members of the main SACRE committee Adviser	(Training 20 th March 2013) Document sent out in Summer term 2013.	1.5 days' adviser time: Admin: £300 Printing etc: £20 Cost of printing guidance/ arranging for internet space	A directory of the faith communities of Bromley, including addresses of places of worship that would welcome visits from school groups and contact details of individuals who would speak at collective worship and RE lessons for all Bromley schools
Evaluate SACRE work and establish priorities	Continuous self evaluation process using the National Association of Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education (NASACRE) self evaluation document	RE Consultant All SACRE members to discuss.	Termly update of self evaluation (Adviser) Summer review reported to SACRE (Adviser) (Include in the Annual Report – Autumn 2012)	2 days adviser time	Identify further areas for development towards an advanced SACRE – to be incorporated as appropriate into future development plans Results to be incorporated into the annual report
Continue work on the new scheme of work for Primary schools. Present at SACRE Arrange for syllabus, schemes etc to be put onto CD and distributed to schools	Present to SACRE and LA	RE Consultant, Teachers, SACRE members, LA	Possible Launch by end of Summer term 2013	Unknown amount of Advisers time –taken from the 35 days	A syllabus for Bromley which reflects the current national thinking on RE and the 21 st century
To prepare agenda, respond to any action from previous meetings and plan ongoing programme for SACRE committee meetings Including any training	Arrange and attend 3 pre agenda meetings per year Write papers and reports for the meeting to LA timetable	Clerk Chairman RE consultant RE Consultant	Termly meetings Including SACRE meetings – 9 days	RE Adviser 9 days	Effective meetings with Action points carried out by Members between meetings

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sessions for members during meetings					
SACRE consider reports and initiatives from NASACRE	Consider relevant material from National SACRE Conference and NASACRE Annual General Meeting (AGM)	RE Adviser/ Chairman and nominated rep	Following NASACRE meetings -summer term	Cost of two annual conferences and travel 2 days adviser time £500 conference costs	Discussion and actions taken on the future of RE and Collective Worship (CW). Attend two national conferences and report back. Adviser and interested members attendance and discussions held in summer term
Monitor National RE reports from OfSTED or Department for Education (DFE) Ensure schools are aware of the statutory nature of RE	Request LA to write to schools on statutory nature of RE. Send NASACRE leaflet customised for Bromley SACRE	School Improvement Service: head of Learning	Termly summary of any relevant Ofsted outcomes to SACRE	Included in meeting time	All schools following the agreed syllabus
To report annually on the work of SACRE	Collect information on exam data and SACRE work RE Consultant to write an annual report by December on the previous academic year	RE Adviser to write, Chairman to read, Clerk to circulate	Deadline end December 2013	RE Adviser time 4 days	Completed on time and copies provided for SACRE members, Director, Assistant Director, CYP portfolio holder, libraries, schools and their governing bodies
To monitor standards of RE and CW in Bromley Schools	1. Attend school visits and consider reports 2. Look at alternative ways to monitor standards 3. Provide data for members on RE examination results in Secondary Schools	RE Adviser SACRE members one per year Data team at Civic Centre RE Adviser	Up to 6 school visits each year (2 per term) Part of annual report Discuss at Spring meeting	RE Adviser – 6 half day visits and 6 half day report writing (4 days) (possibly undertaken by other members to give adviser time to the syllabus)	Meaningful visits or discussion completed and reports discussed at SACRE meetings Data provided, with analysis for Spring meeting
Annual Event	SACRE committee to decide on topic of event	RE Adviser	Summer 2013	3 days Adviser Time + Venue Costs £500	Event which highlights work of SACRE to consumers

Total Cost: £11,375