

SACRE ANNUAL REPORT 2020

The Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education supports the effective provision of religious education and collective worship in schools. SACRE works with the Local Authority to review the existing provision of religious education and promote community cohesion. The Council is comprised of four groups being representative of the religions and belief systems of our island population. Those four groups being the “Free Churches”, “Roman Catholic Church” and co-opted members of several non-Christian faiths; “The Church of England” (4 members in total); Teachers (4 members in total); The Local Authority (2 elected members + 2 members nominated by the Director of Education).

In addition, SACRE is responsible for advising the LA in matters concerning the teaching of RE and Collective Acts of Worship. It also has a monitoring role. It is the body that makes decisions on applications for determinations of cases in which requirements for Christian collective worship do not apply (no cases to date on the IOW).

SACRE can require the LA to review its Agreed Syllabus and it is required to publish an Annual Report.

We are fortunate to have the benefit of a SACRE professional adviser, based in Hants, and Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service inspectors/advisers who enable SACRE to monitor the effectiveness of the Agreed Syllabus in various ways.

I have been a LA member representative on SACRE since being elected in 2017. During this time I have accompanied an adviser on a monitoring visit, sat on the SACRE monitoring sub-committee, have attended the NASACRE Annual Conference in London, attended a regional meeting and also attended the first IOW teachers conference.

SACRE training sessions attended:

13/01/2020

SACRE Agreed Syllabus Conference attended (virtually):

12/06/2020

SACRE have produced an Agreed Syllabus, Living Difference III, which is currently being taught in all island schools.

There is a 3 year action plan in place, currently 2018, 19 and 20, which is reviewed and updated annually as part of the Annual Report.

I would like to offer my thanks to Dr Patricia Hannam, Justine Ball and Harry Kirby for their dedication and much valued input and for their continued support to me in my role as one of the LA elected member representatives.

Cllr Debbie Andre

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