

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Council

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### **PART I** **FOR DECISION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEMBER PANEL ON THE CONSTITUTION FROM ITS MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

1. **Purpose of Report**

To consider the recommendation of the Member Panel on the Constitution, arising from its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to endorse the proposed revisions to the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) Terms of Reference, namely the membership of Committee 3, as set out in Appendix A of this report.

In addition, Council is requested to approve the appointment of members to Committee 3, as set out in Appendix D of this report.

2. **Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action**

The Council is requested to resolve:

- (a) That the proposed revisions to the SACRE Terms of Reference, as set out in Appendix A of this report be approved.
- (b) That the SACRE membership 2020/21, as set out in Appendix D of this report be approved.

3. **The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

Good governance arrangements will have positive implications for the SJWS, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan.

4. **Other Implications**

- (a) Financial – there are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. **Supporting Information**

- 5.1 At its meeting on 4 March 2020, Members of SACRE proposed that the Terms of Reference be reviewed to amend the Committee 3 category. It was proposed to replace the current named unions with six teacher representatives from any union in primary and secondary (including special schools) schools in Slough.

5.2 There has been a long-standing issue of vacancies in Committee 3 and Members were of the view that membership of this category should be considered more widely to include Religious Education teachers at primary and secondary level. It was agreed that a review of this category would help strengthen engagement with school leaders and teachers. A number of the associations representing teachers in this category were also out of date as several of the associations had merged.

### 5.3 Terms of Reference

There have been no legislative changes that have required Slough SACRE Constitution to be amended or updated; however, Circular 1/94, Religious Education and Collective Worship issued in 1994 has since been replaced by Religious Education in English Schools: Non-statutory Guidance 2010 which replaced elements of Circular 1/94 relating to religious education.

## 6. Comments of Other Committees

At the SACRE meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July the follow were resolved:

- I. That the proposal to review the SACRE Terms of Reference to amend Committee 3 category from 'Associations representing teachers' to 'Teachers representing Primary, Secondary and Special Schools' be approved.
- II. That the proposed changes be recommended for endorsement by the Member Panel on the Constitution and reported to Council for approval.

The proposed revisions to the SACRE Terms of Reference, as set out in Appendix A of this report were endorsed by the Member Panel on the Constitution at the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

## 7. Conclusion

Council is requested to approve the proposed revised SACRE Terms of Reference, set out in Appendix A and the SACRE membership for 2020/21, set out in Appendix D of this report.

## 8. Appendices Attached

A – Proposed Revised Terms of Reference

B – Extract of Draft SACRE minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

C – Current Membership of SACRE

D – SACRE Membership 2020/21

## 9. Background Papers

Religious Education in English Schools: Non-statutory Guidance 2010

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/religious-education-guidance-in-english-schools-non-statutory-guidance-2010>