

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
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PART I

FOR COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) TERMS OF REFERENCE

1 Purpose of Report

To consider revised Terms of Reference and proposed revised membership of Committee 3 – from ‘Associations Representing Teachers’ to representatives of teachers and teachers representatives in primary, secondary and special schools as far as practicable.

2 Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action

Members are requested to consider the report and agree the proposed changes it wishes to recommend for endorsement by the Member Panel on the Constitution before being reported for approval by Council.

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

Good governance arrangements will have positive implications for the SJWS and the JSNA.

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 proposed that the SACRE Terms of Reference be reviewed to amend Committee 3 category; 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 had been a long-standing issue of high level of vacancies in Committee 3 and Members were of the view that membership in this category should be considered more widely to include RE teachers at primary and secondary level. The Committee 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 A number of the Associations representing teachers in this category were also out of date as several of the associations had merged.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

5.3.1 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 However, Circular 1/94, Religious Education and Collective Worship issued in 1994 has since been replaced by Religious Education in English Schools: Non-statutory Guidance 2010, which replaced the elements of Circular 1/94 relating to RE.

6 Conclusion

Members are requested to consider the information in Appendix 1 and consider the current SACRE membership of Committee 3 - Associations Representing Teachers with a view to replacing the current named unions with six teachers and teachers' representatives from any union in primary and secondary (including special schools) schools in Slough.

7 Background Papers

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2020
2. Religious Education in English Schools: Non-statutory Guidance 2010

8 Appendix

Appendix 1 – Current Slough SACRE Constitution and Committee Membership