

Report to:	SACRE
Relevant Officer:	Dave Brennand, Brokerage and Professional Development Adviser
Date of Meeting :	27 th January 2016

PRESENTATION ON THE WORK OF THE RE NETWORK AND SUPPORT OFFERED TO SCHOOLS

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To receive a presentation to inform the SACRE of network and curriculum developments in Blackpool Schools

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To endorse the work of the RE Network
- 2.2 To examine a Quality Assurance approach to Religious Education curriculum delivery locally

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To provide a context and ambition for development for Religious Education locally

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is

“Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The present RE network involves all primary schools, secondary academies and special schools. Usually 13 primary schools, 3 secondary schools and two special schools attend regularly. Its remit is to collaborate on Religious Education planning and assessment, develop links across schools, liaise with NATRE, SACRE and share good practice. Notes from the sessions are shared on the Blackpool Schools Partnership website and the sessions are chaired by Rebecca Binns (Highfield School). Its main aim is to raise the standards of Religious Education across the family of schools.

5.2 Currently within Year 10 in Secondary Academies 93 students were entered for the AQA GCSE RE, 392 for the Edexcel GCSE Religious Education and 356 for the Welch Board Religious Education. All schools cover Religious Education in Key Stage 3 and will conduct an act of worship. In primary all schools cover an act of worship. For 2017 in Secondary schools Religious Education will be part of the ‘basket’ of qualifications in the third sector of Progress 8.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.4 List of Appendices:

None

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None