

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

NASACRE CONFERENCE 2016

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the arrangements for the National Association of SACRE's Annual Conference.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the date of the National Association of SACRE's Annual Conference.

2.2 To consider if the SACRE wishes to send a delegate to the NASACRE Conference

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To further progress the annual report of the SACRE.

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 SACRE is a member of the National Association of Standing Advisory Committees of Religious Education (NASACRE). The body organises an annual conference, this year the event is to be held on the 17th May 2016 at Central Hall, Westminster
- 5.2 The Conference Programme and proposed keynote speakers are outlined below and the SACRE is invited to consider whether it wishes to send a representative to attend this event.

Conference programme

- 11:00 Arrival, registration and coffee
11:30 Welcome and introductions
11:40 Keynote address: **The Rt Hon Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss GBE**
12:10 Question time
12:45 Business meeting
13:30 Lunch
14:15 Keynote address: **Professor Adam Dinham**
15:00 Discussions and questions
15:35 Table discussions/panel discussion
16:15 Closing remarks from Chair
16:30 Close

The **Rt Hon Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss GBE**, formerly President of the Family Division of the High Court was the first female Lord Justice of Appeal and until 2004, was the highest-ranking female judge in the United Kingdom. She has chaired many high profile enquiries and inquests. Baroness Butler-Sloss served as Chair for the recently published Commission on Religion and Belief in British Public Life: **Living with Difference**.

Professor Adam Dinham is Professor of Faith and Public Policy at Goldsmiths, University of London. He is also Chair of the British Sociological Association Sociology of Religion Study Group (Socrel), Professor of Religious Literacy, Diakonhjemmet University College, Oslo, Norway and Honorary Stephenson Professor of Leadership, Religion & Society, Sheffield Institute for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies, Sheffield University, UK. With Martha Shaw, Professor Dinham is the co-author of **RE for REal: The future of teaching and learning about belief**.

- 5.3 Helen Sage attended the 2015 NASACRE conference on behalf of the SACRE and will provide a brief verbal update on that conference for the SACRE to assist the decision making.
- 5.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.5 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