

Report to:	SACRE
Relevant Officer:	Dave Brennand, Brokerage and Professional Development Adviser
Date of Meeting:	25 July 2016

NASACRE CONFERENCE 2016

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To receive an update from Helen Sage, the Blackpool SACRE representative in attendance, on the National Association of SACRE's Annual Conference 2016.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

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

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure that

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 was held on the 17th May 2016. The Board at its last meeting on the 27 January 2016 agreed to send a representative to attend this year annual conference and that the representative would report back to the next meeting.

5.2 The Conference Programme and keynote speakers are outlined below for information:

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 2016 NASACRE conference on behalf of the SACRE and will provide a brief verbal update on that conference for the SACRE to inform members.

5.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

5.5 List of Appendices:

Appendix 5a: Presentation by Professor Adam Dinham given at the conference

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