

Report to:	SACRE
Relevant Officer:	Amanda Whitehead, Head of Schools, Standards and Effectiveness
Date of Meeting:	8 November 2017

COMMISSION ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INTERIM REPORT AND CONSULTATION EXERCISE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 Further to the previous meeting, to update members on ongoing work of the Commission on Religious Education.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the Interim report on the Commission on Religious Education attached at Appendix 5a.

2.2 To consider any actions for the SACRE in relation to the activities of the Commission On Religious Education.

2.3 To note the consultation exercise currently being undertaken and attached to the agenda at Appendix 5b.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To assist in the further development of religious education

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, the item is for discussion.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

The Commission on Religious Education (CoRE), was established in mid-2016, And members of the SACRE will recall an update at the previous meeting. The Commission has now published its interim report. the Commissioners were pleased to have had many positive contributions from SACREs up, down and across the country.

An interim report from CoRE was published in September 2018 and is attached at Appendix 5a. The publication started a further consultation where again, a range of views from SACREs will be vital the questionnaire is attached at Appendix 5b and of particular interest to the SACRE may be the section on page of questions directed to SACRE and members are encouraged to respond to the questionnaire. The final report of the Commission is still due out in mid-2018.

For CoRE to be a success it will need to build on the wisdom within the RE community. needs to hear about what works (and what doesn't) on a local level.

The Commission on RE is therefore the chance for every SACRE to explain what is necessary to secure a strong future for RE. There is also an event outlined in agenda Item 6.

5.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.3 List of Appendices:

Appendix 5a: Commission on Religious Education Interim report
Appendix 5b: Questionnaire on Commission on Religious Education Interim report.

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.