

TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING
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STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - MEMBERSHIP
Director of Resources

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree that members of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) may nominate substitutes to represent them if they are unable to attend the meeting themselves.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Constitution of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education be amended to provide for substitutes for any member of the four groups making up its membership, where the appointed member is unable to attend a meeting.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 SACRE has been appointed under Section 255 of the Education Act 1993 and Section 11 of the Education Reform Act 1988 by the Local Education Authority. There is currently no provision for members duly appointed to nominate a substitute if they are unable to attend a meeting. The recommendation is intended to help members of the SACRE by allowing them to send a substitute if they themselves are unable to attend a particular meeting.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The alternative would be to leave the Constitution unchanged but that would be likely to see further inquorate meetings where members are unable to attend themselves.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The current constitution of the SACRE does not provide a right to nominate substitutes if a member is unable to attend the meeting. To achieve a quorum, at least one member of the four groups which make up the membership of SACRE must be present. There has been some difficulty recently ensuring that at least one person from each group has been able to attend. In the circumstances, it is proposed to allow substitutes to be nominated by any member who is unable to attend a meeting.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 Nothing to add to the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 There are no financial implications.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 SACRE is constituted such that each denomination or religion required to be represented shall, so far as is consistent with the efficient discharge of its functions, reflect broadly the proportionate strength of that denomination or religion in the area.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 There are no strategic risk management issues.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 None.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 Not applicable.

Representations Received

- 7.3 None.

Background Papers

None.

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