Funding

We were shocked at the results of our recent survey about how little of the Central Services School Block (CSSB) is being used by Local Authorities on SACRE business. Many SACREs are allocated far less than 1%. We have discussed these figures with the DfE and are now setting out a national recommendation.

The government's guidance is clear:

An LA should fund and support a SACRE and an ASC satisfactorily in line with the duty to constitute or convene each of these bodies and to enable them effectively to carry out their functions.

(Religious Education in English schools: Non-statutory guidance 2010, page 11)

The following can be reasonably expected to be funded from the CSSB:

- a clerk
- a professional officer who has expertise in RE curriculum design;
- a publicly accessible place to meet;
- the reasonable expenses of members;
- publishing the agreed syllabus and other SACRE materials (including agendas and minutes), most usually on the LA website.
- NASACRE subscription and AGM attendance

The national recommendation is that an LA should allocate **at least 2%** of the CSSB to SACRE in order that SACRE can carry out its statutory duties.

We advise each SACRE to look up what your LA's CSSB is **here**. Work out whether your LA is allocating 2% to SACRE. If it is not, write to the LA, explaining what the national recommendation is and asking when the LA is likely to fund SACRE adequately. Note that, in a year in which an Agreed Syllabus review is needed, it is likely to require much more than 2% of the CSSB if the review is to be done properly.