

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

19th June 2019

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Baha'i: Membership of Committee A

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 For SACRE to determine whether they want to extend the Membership of Committee A to include a representative of the Baha'i faith.

2 Summary

2.1 Members of SACRE are requested to consider extending the membership of SACRE to include a representative of the Baha'i faith. There has been a Baha'i co-optee on SACRE for a number of years.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE decide or not to extend the membership.

4 Background

4.1 The structure of SACRE is defined by law. It is made up of four groups (called Committees). The numbers of members in each Committee is set by individual SACRE's.

4.2 The make-up of Committees can vary from SACRE to SACRE as it reflects the diversity of the various faith communities in the locality.

4.3 Committee A is made up of Christian denominations and other religions, reflecting the principle religious traditions of the area. Committee B the Church of England, Committee C Teacher and head teacher associations and Committee D the Local Authority.

4.4 SACRE can also co-opt other members who represent a small community. Co-opted members do not have any voting rights.

4.5 The Baha'i faith have had a co-opted role on SACRE since 2014.

4.6 Following the last meeting, the Baha'i representative requested that they are made a full member of SACRE with full voting rights on Committee A.

4.7 The Chairman agreed to consider the request and bring it to SACRE for their determination.

4.8 The Local Authority agree the membership of SACRE. If SACRE wish to extend the membership to include Bahai the Portfolio Holder will be asked to formally make the decision based on SACRE's recommendation.

5 Equal Opportunities

5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

6 Financial implications

6.1 Financial implications may be raised by individual items. These have been dealt with elsewhere, or will be raised at future meetings of SACRE.

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