Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
20th June 2018
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Families and Communities
SACRE Budget 2018 - 2019

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To advise members of SACRE of the current budget position

2 Summary

2.1 A breakdown of the SACRE budget to date for the financial year 2018 - 2019 to date will be presented at the meeting.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE receive the report.

3.2 That members investigate whether there are any implications now the SACRE Budget is being met by the CSSB.

4 Background

4.1 A budget has been made available to support the work of SACRE during the financial year 2018 – 2019 as approved by the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Families and Communities.

4.2 NASACRE has been involved with discussions at the DfE around funding for SACREs. The cost of SACREs is being met from the Central School Services Block (CSSB) from 2018-19 onward. This is explained very well in the funding document provided.

4.3 It has been reported that in some places it appears that the LA is trying to cut the budget for SACREs claiming that the costs of the SACRE, which the DfE had clearly defined as forming part of the General Duties element of ESG, are now to be met from Retained Duties DSG– i.e. this will be a top slice off the money they have been given for other purposes. This interpretation is not correct. Since the cost of SACREs is being met from the CSSB, local authorities should not be charging maintained schools for this duty (which in effect they are doing by top-slicing money allocated for schools). If this is happening to Staffordshire SACRE NASACRE need to know what is being cut and what the justification is for these cuts. Only with this information will they be able to make a case to the DfE.

4.4 The budget is held by Staffordshire County Council. Claire Oswald is the budget administrator claire.oswald@staffordshire.gov.uk.

4.5 SACRE members may wish to discuss priorities with regard to spending the remaining budget.

4.6 Budget allocated: £12,860.

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 are indicated in the budget account.

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GL Account Codes for : Enquiry Group: Curr Budget (v2) v Act + GRNI/GL Account Code Range: EM1100/***** to EM1100/***** / Enquiry Year: 2017/ Period: 00 to 12

GL Account Code	Description	Current Budget (	Actual + Grni	Actuals	Variance Bud v(Act +GRNI)	
EM110010002	SACRE Teachers Gross	12,860.00	0.00	0.00	(12,860.00)	
EM110019201	SACRE Insurance Charges Other	0.00	155.08	155.08	155.08	below the line
EM110044038	SACRE QLS Cirriculm Advice	0.00	8,827.00	8,827.00	8,827.00	
EM110044350	SACRE Premises Services	0.00	152.50	152.50	152.50	
EM110046204	SACRE Conference Fees	0.00	1,170.00	1,170.00	1,170.00	
EM110047202	SACRE Subscriptions General	0.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	
EM110063008	SACRE General Grants	0.00	(2,725.00)	(2,725.00)	(2,725.00)	
EM110064550	SACRE Tfrs to Oth Accounts	(9,000.00)	(9,000.00)	(9,000.00)	0.00	
		3,860.00	**(1,250.42)**	**(1,250.42)**	**(5,110.42)**	

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GL Account Code	Description	Current Budget (	Actual 2018	Actuals + GRNI +	Variance Bud v (Act +Com)
EM110010002	SACRE Teachers Gross	(6,910.00)	0.00	0.00	6,910.00
EM110046204	SACRE Conference Fees	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
EM110048342	SACRE Contingency	12,860.00	0.00	0.00	(12,860.00)
		5,950.00	**100.00**	**100.00**	**(5,850.00)**