

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
9th July 2014
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of People
Implications from ‘Trojan Horse’ investigations in Birmingham

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To present members of SACRE with an opportunity to discuss implications from ‘Trojan Horse’ investigations in Birmingham

2 Summary

2.1 SACRE’s are invited to hear the update and consider responses

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE hear the update and note the contents

4 Background

4.1 In June 2014 Ofsted published its findings from the ‘Trojan Horse’ plot which alleged a socially-conservative sect of Muslims was trying to get their own members on to governing bodies and oust head teachers in Birmingham schools. This has been a high profile case. A balanced response will come from members of the RE community in July.

4.2 Whilst Staffordshire schools were not involved, SACRE members might want to support their schools in their work promoting good community relations and understanding. The engaging with faith communities website (www.ewfc.co.uk) could be publicised for our schools to make use of.

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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