

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

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Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Families and Communities

Launch Event for The Staffordshire Agreed syllabus for Religious Education 2016

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To share with members a summary of the launch event held to publicise the new Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education

2 Summary

2.1 The Education Act 1993 requires the Local Authority to institute a review of its locally agreed syllabus every five years after the completion of its last review.

2.2 The Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus has been reviewed and the re-write is complete.

2.3 The revised Agreed Syllabus has now been published and is available to schools.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE receive the report and note the contents

4 Background

4.1 The revised Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus was issued to schools in September 2016 at the start of the new school year. The syllabus is freely available to all schools on the Entrust RE web page.

4.2 Schools have been made aware of the new agreed syllabus via internal school publicity e.g. the e-school bag and direct emails. The advisor to SACRE has received much interest and enquiries regarding the syllabus. There have also been several local articles in the press about the new syllabus and the Chair of SACRE was invited to speak on radio Stoke.

4.3 A series of introductory training sessions have been made available to schools. The uptake is high with most courses being full and one with a waiting list. Clusters of schools have also invited Emma Jardine-Phillips to host sessions within their schools.

4.4 Despite the efforts outlined, at the November SACRE meeting members raised issues that some schools still had not heard about the new Agreed Syllabus so it was resolved that members would consider the possibility of holding an official launch event.

4.5 The launch took place on the 31st January 2017.

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 Expenses incurred will be met from the SACRE budget.

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