

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

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Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Families and Communities NASACRE and the Interfaith Network

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To present the SACRE with a discussion paper related to the Big NASACRE Survey.

2 Summary

2.1 NASACRE is in membership with the IFN in the Educational and Academic Bodies section. Members in this category, which includes WASACRE, meet at least once a year ([click here for details](#)). NASACRE also has the opportunity to take part in the consultations undertaken by the IFN and to inform and shape its policies towards education and Religious Education.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE read the report and note its contents.

4 Background

4.1 Part of IFN (UK)'s remit is to promote a better understanding of RE and its website publications under the heading EDUCATION, includes a page on RE across the UK, what is expected of different sorts of schools and a page on understanding SACREs. In this way IFN is attempting to promote better religious literacy. Resources for schools are freely available.

4.2 Michael Metcalf has helpfully produced some reflections for NASACRE members on the IFN, NASACRE and what we can learn from their respective histories. More especially he looks to the future with a real sense of optimism at what NASACRE, SACREs and IFN can achieve in partnership. His reflections are attached.

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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