

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
Date:	28 February 2023
Title:	Task and Finish Working Group Proposal
Report From:	Director of People and Organisation

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is for the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education to consider establishing a Task and Finish Working Group to review the current Constitution for SACRE.

Recommendation(s)

2. To initiate a Task and Finish Working Group as a sub-committee of SACRE to review the current Constitution for SACRE in line with all relevant legislation, in particular the Education Act 1996, Sections 390-397.
3. To approve the Terms of Reference for this Task and Finish Working Group as set out in Annex A.
4. To appoint members to the Task and Finish Working Group in accordance with the Terms of Reference,

Contextual information

5. The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education has indicated that it wishes to update its Constitution and form a Task and Finish Working Group to consider and make recommendations on these changes. A review of the SACRE Constitution should be undertaken every four years and is currently overdue.
6. SACRE is an Advisory Committee of the County Council, and as such reports to the Executive Member for Education. Following the review by the Working Group of the Constitution of SACRE and support by SACRE to the revised Constitution, a report will need to be taken to the Executive Member for Education to approve any changes to the Constitution of SACRE.

Consultation and Equalities

7. No consultation has been required. This report is regarding the commencement of a piece of review work and is not proposing any changes. Therefore, no impact is expected because of this report.

Climate Change Impact Assessment

8. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience impacts of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation.

9. The carbon mitigation tool and climate change adaptation tools were not applicable on this occasion because the decision relates to a programme that is strategic/administrative in nature.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	No
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	No
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	No
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	Yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u> N/A	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u> Education Act 1996	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents	
<p>The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

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