

REPORT OF THE
Executive Member for Education
PART I

**1. Hampshire's Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
Constitution Update**

- 1.1. Hampshire's Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) supports the Local Authority with the effective provision of religious education and collective worship in schools, reviewing existing provision of religious education while promoting community cohesion.
- 1.2. SACRE is comprised of four groups, representing religions other than the Church of England (Group A), the Church of England (Group B), Teachers' Associations (Group C), and the Local Authority (Group D). There are also several co-opted members, selected to advise the SACRE on specific issues.
- 1.3. SACRE is governed by its own Constitution in line with the Education Act 1996, Sections 390-397. A review of the Constitution should be undertaken every four years.
- 1.4. At its meeting in February 2023, SACRE established a Task and Finish Working Group to consider and make recommendations on its Constitution.
- 1.5. The Task and Finish Working Group reported back to SACRE in July 2023 with proposed changes to the Constitution. These changes were agreed by SACRE and require the approval of the County Council to take effect. The main/key changes are:
 - The inclusion of a Code of Conduct for SACRE members.
 - Clearer rules for membership including numbers of deputy members.
 - Revised quoracy rules.
- 1.6. The proposed updated Constitution is attached to this report as Appendix A. The existing version is attached as Appendix B.

2. Education Advisory Panel Terms of Reference Update

- 2.1. The Education Advisory Panel is an advisory panel made up of nine Members of the County Council appointed proportionally and meeting three times per year, once in each school term.
- 2.2. Its function is to advise members in relation to educational outcomes of children and young people, including vulnerable children and young people, aged 0-19 and to share excellent and innovative practise in educational settings from which others can learn.
- 2.3. The Education Advisory Panel has several co-opted members to assist it in achieving its function.

- 2.4. To provide wider development opportunities to Members, the County Council is asked to approve an amendment to the Panel's Terms of Reference to remove the requirement for the Panel to be chaired by the Executive Member.
- 2.5. The proposed updated Terms of Reference are attached to this report as Appendix C. The existing version is attached as Appendix D.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) That the County Council approve the updated Constitution for Hampshire's Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education as agreed by the Advisory Council at their meeting on 4 July 2023 and contained in Appendix A to this report.
- b) That the County Council approve the proposed changes to the Education Advisory Panel's Terms of Reference as detailed in Appendix C to this report.