

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)
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Title:	Youth Voice to SACRE
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1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to inform SACRE of activity of the Youth Voice to since the last SACRE meeting
- 1.2. The third SACRE Youth Voice conference took place on 13th July 2017.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. This paper supports the Corporate Strategy (maximising well-being) by ensuring children's provision in religious education (RE) is secure.
- 2.2. The purpose of the SACRE Youth Voice is to create a forum for young people to express their views on RE in relation to the provision for RE they are experiencing. Their views are also taken into consideration when evaluating the effectiveness of the Agreed Syllabus
- 2.3. The Youth Voice to SACRE in 2016/17 brought together young people from five schools.
- 2.4. The first meeting of 2017/18 will take place on 29th November in Winchester.

3. Youth Voice to SACRE Conference 2017

- 3.1. Youth Voice to SACRE held its third 13th July 2017 for Year 7/8 students. Over 70 students participated in this event altogether. The conference was this year held in a school (Wildern School). The theme of the conference was "Religion and the Media: Does the media misrepresent religion? And does this matter?" SACRE members and others were involved in workshops. A short video was made of the conference during the day by film studies students at Wildern School.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. That SACRE notes the report.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Strategic Plan**

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

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.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. 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 under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

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

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

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

As a consequence of establishing a SACRE Youth Voice, equality is advanced through the improvement of religious education.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. No impact on crime and disorder has been identified in this report.

3. Climate Change:

3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No impact on climate change has been identified in this report.