

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Group A Representation</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Individual Executive Member Decision
<b>Date on which Decision is to be taken:</b>	
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	ID2465

**Purpose of Report:** To recommend the appointment of Revd. B. French as a Free Church representative on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

**Recommended Action:** To agree the appointment of Revd. B. French as a Free Church representative on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

**Reason for decision to be taken:** To fill a vacancy on the Group

**Other options considered:** n/a

**Key background documentation:** Education Act 1996

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## Implications

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<b>Policy:</b>	In accordance with Section 390 of the Education Act 1996 the SACRE requires representations from the Well Church Community
<b>Financial:</b>	n/a
<b>Personnel:</b>	n/a
<b>Legal/Procurement:</b>	n/a
<b>Environmental:</b>	n/a
<b>Property:</b>	n/a
<b>Risk Management:</b>	n/a
<b>Equalities Impact Assessment:</b>	The Free Church community would have representation on the SACRE

## Consultation Responses

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### Members:

<b>Leader of Council:</b>	Graham Jones
<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:</b>	Brian Bedwell
<b>Ward Members:</b>	All Members
<b>Opposition Spokesperson:</b>	Alan Macro
<b>Local Stakeholders:</b>	WBC Sacre :- Jo Fageant, Adviser, the Diocese of Oxford Rev Keith Dolding, The Well Church put forward the recommendation
<b>Officers Consulted:</b>	n/a
<b>Trade Union:</b>	n/a

<b>Is this item subject to call-in?</b>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval		<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council		<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position		<input type="checkbox"/>
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months		<input type="checkbox"/>
Item is Urgent Key Decision		<input type="checkbox"/>
Report is to note only		<input type="checkbox"/>

## Supporting Information

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### 1. Background

- 1.1 The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) was established in accordance with Section 390 of the Education Act 1996 by West Berkshire District Council acting as the Local Education Authority.
- 1.2 The SACRE was established to set the RE syllabus, advise the Local Authority on matters connected with religious worship and advise on methods of teaching, the choice of materials used and the provision of training for teachers.

### 2. Nominations for membership of the West Berkshire SACRE

- 2.1 The standing Advisory Council on Religious Education comprises four groups each with a single vote to use when voting is necessary.  
The four groups are:

Group A: Representative of Christian denominations other than the Church of England and of other religions	Group B: Four Church of England representatives
Group C: One representative from each of the following teacher association: NUT, NAS/UWT, ATL, PAT. NAHT and ASCL	Group D Representatives of the local authority

- 2.2 The Local Authority is responsible for appointing members of each of these four committees. This is usually achieved by seeking nominations from each area.
- 2.3 There is a vacancy for a Group A representative (Free Church). A letter has been sent to West Berkshire Council by the Fellowship nominating Revd B French.
- 2.4 It is proposed that this nomination be accepted.

## Appendices

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Appendix A – Letter from Rev. K Dolding