

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Group B Representation
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	16 th December 2010
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2090

Purpose of Report: To recommend the appointment of Revd. M A Harwood as a Church of England representative on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

Recommended Action: To agree the appointment of Revd. M A Harwood as a Church of England representative on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

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

Statutory:
Other:

Non-Statutory:

Other options considered: n/a

Key background documentation: Education Act 1996

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Implications

Policy:	In accordance with Section 390 of the Education Act 1996 the SACRE requires representations from the Church of England Community
Financial:	n/a
Personnel:	n/a
Legal/Procurement:	n/a
Environmental:	n/a
Partnering:	n/a
Property:	n/a
Risk Management:	n/a
Community Safety:	n/a
Equalities:	The Church of England community would have representation on the SACRE

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	Graham Jones
Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:	Brian Bedwell
Select Committee Chairman:	Irene Neill
Ward Members:	n/a
Opposition Spokesperson:	Alan Macro
Local Stakeholders:	WBC Sacre :- Jo Fageant, Adviser, the Diocese of Oxford Diocese of Oxford put forward the recommendation
Officers Consulted:	n/a
Trade Union:	n/a

Is this item subject to call-in.	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 OSC or associated Task Groups within preceding 6 months		<input type="checkbox"/>
Item is Urgent Key Decision		<input type="checkbox"/>

Supporting Information

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 Following the resignation from the group a vacancy has arisen for a Group B representative (Church of England). A letter has been sent to West Berkshire Council by the Diocese of Oxford nominating Revd M A Harwood to replace this person.
- 2.4 It is proposed that this nomination be accepted.

Appendices

Appendix A – Letter from the Diocese of Oxford dated 9 March 2010. (attached)



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09 March 2010

Dear Moira

DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVE ON SACRE

Following the notification of a vacancy for a Church of England representative on the West Berkshire SACRE, the Diocese of Oxford would like to nominate Revd Mary Harwood, her contact details are as follows:

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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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