

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Appointment of Representatives on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	12 January 2017
Forward Plan Ref:	ID3190

Purpose of Report:

To recommend the appointment of Reverend David Taylor as a Free Church representative (Thatcham Baptist Church) on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

To recommend the appointment of Mrs Lucy Gallagher as a Catholic representative on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

Recommended Action:

To agree the appointment of Reverend David Taylor as a Free Church representative and Lucy Gallagher as a Catholic representative on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

Reason for decision to be taken:

To fill existing vacancies in Group A on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

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 currently requires
Financial:	n/a
Personnel:	n/a
Legal/Procurement:	n/a
Environmental:	n/a
Property:	n/a
Risk Management:	n/a
Equalities Impact Assessment:	The above communities would have a full quorum of representatives.

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	Councillor Roger Croft
Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:	Councillor Emma Webster
Ward Members:	n/a
Opposition Spokesperson:	Councillor Mollie Lock
Local Stakeholders:	WBC SACRE:- Alison Harris, Independent Consultant
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 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

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: Representatives of Christian denominations other than the Church of England and of other religions	Group B: 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 to each of these four groups. This is usually achieved by seeking nominations from each area. There are currently no representatives in Group A on the West Berkshire SACRE.
- 2.3 A nomination has been received for Rev David Taylor, Free Church representative from Thatcham Baptist Church. If appointed, Reverend Taylor would represent Group A on the West Berkshire SACRE. The nomination has been supported by the Deacons (Managing Trustees) of Thatcham Baptist Church. Following consultation no objections were received to this nomination.
- 2.4 A nomination has been received for Mrs Lucy Gallagher, Catholic representative. Mrs Gallagher's nomination has been supported by the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. Following consultation no objections were received to this nomination.
- 2.5 It is therefore proposed that these nominations be accepted.

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.