

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:	1 February 2018
Forward Plan Ref:	ID3404

Purpose of Report: To recommend the appointment of Mrs Valerie Bolan as a Church of England representative (Group B) and Mr Mobasshir Mushtaq as a Muslim faith representative (Group A) on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

Recommended Action: To agree the appointment of Mrs Valerie Bolan as a Church of England Representative (Group B) and Mr Mobasshir Mushtaq as a Muslim faith representative (Group A) on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

Reason for decision to be taken: To fill some of the existing vacancies in Groups A and B 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 Graham Jones
Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:	Councillor Emma Webster
Opposition Spokesperson:	Councillor Mollie Lock
Local Stakeholders:	WBC SACRE:- Alison Harris, Independent Consultant, Mr Keith Harvey, Headteacher and Independent Advisor and The Revd David Taylor, Chairman of West Berkshire SACRE all support the nomination.
Officers Consulted:	n/a
Trade Union:	n/a

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input checked="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: Up to 6 Education Union representatives from the following Unions, with no more than 3 from any one union: NUT, NAS/UWT, ATL, PAT, NAHT, SHA	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 two vacancies in Group A and two vacancies in Group B.
- 2.3 A nomination has been received for Mrs Valerie Bolan, a long standing and serving member of St George the Martyr Church, Wash Common, Newbury. If appointed, Mrs Bolan would represent Group B (Church of England representatives) on the West Berkshire SACRE. In addition, a nomination has been received for Mr Mobasshir Mushtaq, an Imam at the Bangladeshi Welfare Centre and Newbury Jamme Mosque. If appointed, Mr Mushtaq would represent Group A (Representatives of Christian denominations other than the Church of England and of other religions). Both nominations have been supported by the Local Stakeholders as set out in the consultation responses. Following consultation no objections were received to this nomination.
- 2.4 It is therefore proposed that these nominations be accepted.

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.