West Berks SACRE: An Overview

1. What is our Purpose?

Advise West Berkshire Council on:
a) matters of collective worship
b) Religious Education, in accordance with the locally agreed syllabus

2. How do we achieve this?

a) Publish and launch the agreed syllabus.
   We are about to do this on 3 July. All SACRE members are encouraged to come.

b) Encourage the development of material to support the implementation of the syllabus.
   Alison, our Adviser, is involved with this.

c) Support the provision of termly meetings for RE coordinators in primary schools and occasional RE conferences.
   At the moment we cannot fulfil this vital role either at primary or secondary level because of lack of funding

d) Provide a copy of the *Non-statutory guidance on RE* published by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and the DfE to each school in West Berkshire.
   Have we done this?

e) Receive presentations from teachers and members of faith communities on issues related to RE and collective worship.
   e.g. Mobasshir's paper on the needs of Muslim pupils taking exams during Ramadan.

f) Support and send representatives to the Pan Berkshire Hub
   David and Alison go to this each term

g) Through the Pan Berkshire Hub, the West Berkshire SACRE is part of the Crossing the Bridges project
   What more can we do to promote this?

h) Publish an annual report of its work
   Alison has submitted our 2017-8 report to the LA

How are we resourced?

The LA provides us with:
a) An annual budget
   In 2017-8 this was £4,120. £2,000 of this went to Jan Lever Education Consultancy Trust for the consultancy work Alison does for us. £1,700 was paid to Wokingham Council as our annual contribution to the production of the agreed syllabus.   We also funded one RE Coordinators' meeting for £350 and made a contribution of £140 to the SACRE conference.

b) The services of a Clerk
   Jo Watt does a fantastic job for us in this role.

c) An Adviser to act as a strong link between us and the LA.
   Currently Keith Harvey fulfils this role for us.