

Individual Executive Member Decision

Appointment of a Representative on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Committee considering report:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date ID to be signed:	06 September 2018
Portfolio Member:	Councillor Lynne Doherty
Forward Plan Ref:	ID3635

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To recommend the appointment of Ms Mary Stagg as a Church of England representative on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To agree the appointment of Ms Mary Stagg as a Church of England representative on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** N/A
- 3.2 **Policy:** This is in accordance with the SACRE requirements of Section 390 of the Education Act 1996.
- 3.3 **Personnel:** N/A
- 3.4 **Legal:** N/A
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** N/A
- 3.6 **Property:** N/A
- 3.7 **Other:** N/A

4. Consultation Responses

Members:

Acting Leader of Council:	Councillor Graham Jones
Overview & Scrutiny Management	Councillor Emma Webster

Commission Chairman:

Opposition Spokesperson: Councillor Mollie Lock

Local Stakeholders: WBC SACRE

Officers Consulted: n/a

Trade Union: n/a

5. Other options considered

5.1 N/A

6. Introduction/Background

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.

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

- 6.3 The Local Authority is responsible for appointing members to each of these four groups. This is usually achieved by seeking nominations from each area.
- 6.4 A nomination has been received for Ms Mary Stagg. If appointed, Ms Stagg would represent Group B on the West Berkshire SACRE. The nomination has been supported by Anne Andrews RE Adviser at the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education. Following consultation no objections were received to this nomination.
- 6.5 It is therefore proposed that this nomination be accepted.

7. Supporting Information

7.1 The Education Act 1996.

8. Proposal

8.1 To appoint Ms Mary Stagg to Group B (Church of England representatives) of the West Berkshire SACRE.

Background Papers:

The West Berkshire SACRE Constitution

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: No:

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9. Conclusion

9.1 In order to maintain the structure of the West Berkshire SACRE, it is necessary to appoint representatives to each of the groups of representatives.

10. Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.