

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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## Appointment of Representatives on the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

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**Committee considering report:** Individual Executive Member Decision

**Date ID to be signed:** 19 December 2019

**Portfolio Member:** Councillor Dominic Boeck

**Forward Plan Ref:** ID3858

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### 1. Purpose of the Report

To recommend the appointment of the following to the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education:

- 1.1 Maria Pratico, Church of England representative (Group B),
- 1.2 Rachel Manley (LA Advisor)
- 1.3 David Rees (LA Advisor), and
- 1.4 Rabbi Zvi Solomons as a Jewish faith representative (Group A)

### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To agree the appointment of the above to the West Berkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

### 3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** n/a
- 3.2 **Policy:** In accordance with Section 390 of the Education Act 1996 the SACRE currently requires
- 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:

**Leader of Council:** Councillor Lynne Doherty

**Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:** Councillor Alan Law

**Ward Members:** n/a

**Opposition Spokesperson:** Councillor Erik Pattenden

**Local Stakeholders:** WB SACRE: Val Bolan, Church of England representative, Councillor Billy Drummond and The Revd David Taylor, Chairman of West Berkshire SACRE all support the nominations.

**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.

## 7. Supporting Information

### Nominations for membership of the West Berkshire SACRE

- 7.1 The Local Authority is responsible for appointing members to each of these four groups. This is usually achieved by seeking nominations from each area.

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

## 8. Options for Consideration

- 8.1 n/a

## 9. Proposals

- 9.1 A nomination has been received for:
- 9.2 Maria Pratico a former member of WB SACRE, first appointed in 2014. If appointed, Maria Pratico would represent Group B (Church of England representatives) on the West Berkshire SACRE.
- 9.3 Rabbi Zvi Solomons, a former member of WB SACRE. If appointed, Rabbi Solomons would represent Group A (Representatives of Christian denominations other than the Church of England and of other religions).
- 9.4 Rachel Manley, Headteacher, Yattendon C of E Primary School was nominated by Keith Harvey to replace him as LA Advisor. Rachel Manley was the RE lead at St Nicolas C of E Junior School where Keith Harvey is Headteacher.

- 9.5 David Rees was nominated by Alison Harris to replace her as LA Advisor. David Rees is a highly experienced advisor to SACREs with qualifications and teaching experience relevant to RE.
- 8.6 All nominations have been supported by the Local Stakeholders as set out in the consultation responses. Following consultation no objections were received to this nomination.

## **10. Conclusion**

- 10.1 It is therefore proposed that these nominations be accepted.

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### **Subject to Call-In:**

Yes: X      No: ☐

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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"/>

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## **11. Appendices - None**