

CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) - 2ND OCTOBER 2012

SUBJECT: WASACRE SURVEY REPORT: SACRE'S AND THE LOCAL

COMMUNITY

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform SACRE of the outcomes of the survey

2. THE REPORT

2.1 BACKGROUND

The SACREs and the Local Community survey report presents the findings of the WASACRE survey of SACREs, which had a 95% response rate. These findings relate to four main areas:

- SACRE representation on Committee A (Christian denominations and other religions and their denominations)
- SACRE co-opted representation
- SACRE relations with Christian denominations and other religions and their denominations
- SACRE involvement with local interfaith organisations and other local interfaith initiatives.

The results present the range of SACRE activities that contribute to relevant aspects of community cohesion, involving both Christian denominations and other religions in their localities, and eight main findings are identified.

In terms of the next steps to be taken in light of the Report, it is requested that both SACREs in Wales and WASACRE respond to the survey by giving consideration to the Report's recommendations.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

3.1 The report links to SACRE's duty to monitor and develop the provision of Religious Education and Collective Worship in schools and the CCBC Strategic Equality Plan 2012.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This report is for information purposes only, so the Council's Equalities Impact Assessment process has not been applied, however Religion and Belief is a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010 and locally is covered by section 6 (xi) of the CCBC Strategic Equality Plan 2012.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications attached to this report.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no personnel implications attached to this report.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 That SACRE consider the recommendations of the report as detailed in Appendix 1.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 SACREs and the Local Community - report on the WASACRE Survey of SACREs

in Wales - June 2012.