

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REPORT TO: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

DATE: 6TH MARCH 2019

SUBJECT: THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SACRE

A PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider ways in which Caerphilly SACRE can develop the effectiveness of its role and its engagement with Caerphilly schools

B BACKGROUND

During the Autumn Term SACRE Members received training on the roles and responsibilities of SACRE. This agenda item follows on from the training. The aim is to discuss ways in which SACRE can improve the effectiveness of its engagement with schools. SACRE has agreed to co-opt a young person to SACRE in order to enable learners to have a voice on issues of Religious Education and Collective Worship. During the Autumn meeting SACRE also discussed the possibility of starting a 'Youth SACRE' in the Local Authority. SACRE will receive a verbal update on progress being made with researching the challenges and opportunities of holding a Youth SACRE.

The RE Adviser will also present feedback on the workshop she attended on Effective SACREs; the Religious Education Quality Mark (REQM), which is an award designed to celebrate success in Religious Education in England and Wales.

C RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For SACRE to receive an update on the progress being made with research into the possibility of forming a Youth SACRE.
2. To consider the feedback on the workshop in respect of Effective SACREs.

D SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background Resources

- Example of the work of a Youth SACRE:
<http://www.nasacre.org.uk/file/nasacre/Newham2.pdf>
- Religious Education Quality Mark: <http://reqm.org/>
- REQM – How to apply: <http://reqm.org/achieving-the-award/how-to-apply>
- The recommendations of the Estyn Report (see Agenda Item 8)
- The recommendations of the Final Report from the Commission on Religious Education in England - the list of recommendations can be found on p.11ff.
<https://www.commissiononre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Final-Report-of-the-Commission-on-RE.pdf>