

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REPORT TO: CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGION,
VALUES AND ETHICS.**

DATE: 6TH DECEMBER 2023

SUBJECT: SACRE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the current membership of Caerphilly SAC RVE, in light of an expression of interest from Parent Governors to take up co-opted positions on the Council.

To inform SAC RVE of recent membership requests and to seek its views as to whether it wishes to recommend any changes to its Membership.

B BACKGROUND - CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

All Local Authorities have a statutory duty to constitute a SAC RVE within their local area.

Representation on SAC RVE is required as follows:

- (i) Such Christian and other religious denominations as, in the opinion of the Local Authority, will appropriately reflect the principal religious traditions in the area
- (ii) Associations representing teachers
- (iii) The Local Authority

The current arrangements for Caerphilly SAC RVE are as follows:

1. Faith Group Representatives (Committee A) (7 places)

There are 4 vacancies in this group arising from the recent resignations. Efforts are ongoing to fill the vacant places with various faith groups.

2. Teacher Association Representatives (Committee B) (7 places)

There are 2 vacancies in this group arising from the recent resignations. Efforts are ongoing to fill the vacant places with representatives from the relevant unions.

3. Local Authority Elected Members (Committee C) (6 places)

All positions are currently filled.

4. Co-opted positions (without voting rights) (2 places)

These appointments are made at the discretion of the Committee.

The current vacant co-opted positions (2) are reserved for Youth Representation.

C REPORT

Expressions of interest have been received from 2 Parent Governors to take up co-opted places on Caerphilly SAC RVE, currently those places are reserved for Youth Representatives.

The report asks Caerphilly SAC RVE to consider increasing the number of co-opted places to 4, to allow the inclusion of Parent Governors to its membership.

It is felt that the inclusion of Parent Governors would add different views and experiences to the Committees' discussions and be a valuable link between schools and the work of SAC on RVE.

D RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That SAC RVE note the details of the current membership.
2. That SAC RVE note the details regarding co-opted positions and advise how they wish to proceed on this matter.
3. That should SAC RVE approve the increase in the number of co-opted places, that the EAS RE Advisor write to those individuals who have expressed an interest on behalf of the Council and request that a pen-picture of their interests/experience be submitted for Members consideration and if appropriate they be invited to attend the next meeting.

E BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 Caerphilly SAC RVE Membership as of December 2023