



## CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – 14TH FEBRUARY 2011

**SUBJECT: THE RESILIENCE PROJECT**

**REPORT BY: ESIS**

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update SACRE on the REsilience Project.

### 2. SUMMARY

#### 2.1 Context

REsilience is a DCSF sponsored project designed to support the government's community cohesion strategy. The contract for the project was secured by the RE Council (REC) and it runs from 15th June 2009 till 31st March 2011. DCELLS have agreed the inclusion of Wales in the project.

#### 2.2 Broad Aims Of The Project

- To develop and deliver a training programme for teachers of RE
- To improve RE teachers' skills including confidence and competence in facilitating pupils' critical thinking around controversial issues, particularly those that relate to religion, belief, ethnicity, negative stereotyping and religious extremism.
- To improve RE teachers' subject knowledge in the areas of community cohesion and violent extremism.

#### 2.3 Specific Project Objectives

- Develop a suite of materials to underpin the development of appropriate knowledge and skills of teachers of RE
- Engage with maintained secondary schools/ colleges and deliver face-to-face sessions for teachers with a mentor from the project.

#### 2.4 Process

- A small number of schools in Wales (about 7) were part of the pilot programme in 2010 and have given feedback on their perceptions and opinions on the project.
- One school in Caerphilly has enrolled to take part in Spring 2011 - **Heolddu Comprehensive School.**

### 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 SACRE note and discuss the report.

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