



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) - 14TH NOVEMBER 2013

**SUBJECT: WASACRE - NOMINATIONS TO THE WASACRE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

REPORT BY: INTERIM DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform SACRE of the appointments and outstanding vacancies to the WASACRE Executive Committee.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 All SACRE's are asked to nominate and vote on the composition of the WASACRE Executive Committee.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The discussions and deliberations of WASACRE and the composition of its Executive link directly 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. THE REPORT

- 4.1 At the WASACRE Executive elections on 18th June 2013 the following appointments were made:

- Gavin Craigen (Vice Chair)
- Mark Brown (Executive member, Conwy SACRE)
- Mary Parry (Executive member, Carmarthenshire SACRE)

However, there was a third place on the Executive Committee that could not be filled because of a tie in votes between Cllr Michael Gray and Revd Roy Watson. SACREs have been asked to look again at these two profiles and to inform the WASACRE secretary of the SACRE agreed vote.

There are TWO nominations for ONE position on the Executive Committee.

4.2 **Councillor D Michael Gray Caerphilly SACRE**

I am a lifelong member of the Methodist Church, having been a Sunday school teacher I am an accredited local Preacher of the Methodist Church, church organist, and church officer at local, regional & national level, also area Christian - Aid Coordinator and past Secretary , Chairman of my 'Churches Together' and affiliated to CYTUN.

I am a Caerphilly County Borough Councillor, Chairman of Caerphilly County Borough Council SACRE Committee and represented CCBC SACRE on WASACRE since 1996, up to the present date.

I am a past member of the WASACRE Executive Committee and also past Vice - Chairman (2008 - 2009) and Chairman of WASACRE (2009 - 2011), and wish to offer the WASACRE EXECUTIVE my long experience of supporting and projecting Religious Education throughout the schools of Wales.

4.3 **Rev. Roy Watson Blaenau Gwent SACRE**

Rev. Roy Watson is a Methodist Minister covering Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent.

Rev. Watson's previous and current experience is as follows:-

- Head of RE, Willows High School, Splott, Cardiff – 1976 – 1996
- Member of South Glamorgan SACRE 1992 – 1996
- Member of Blaenau Gwent SACRE 1996 – present
- Chair of Governors, Coed y – Garn Primary School, Nantyglo 1996 – present
- Welsh Football Association. Soccer Referee 1980 – 2003
- Part of Chaplaincy Team, 6th Form, Coleg Gwent, Ebbw Vale

5. **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 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.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications attached to this report.

7. **PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no personnel implications attached to this report.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 That SACRE discussion and forward their preferred nomination to the WASACRE Executive Committee.

9. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 9.1 As part of SACRE's statutory duty to monitor and develop religious education and collective worship.

10. **CONSULTATION**

- 10.1 All comments have been reflected in this report.

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