

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DATE: 25TH NOVEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: CAERPHILLY SACRE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A PURPOSE OF REPORT

To discuss and provide an update on the current membership of Caerphilly SACRE.

B BACKGROUND

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

Representation on SACRE 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. Since 2018, on the Direction of the Welsh Government Cabinet Minister for Education, humanists can be full members of this Committee as well as other belief groups analogous to religious belief;
- (ii) Representatives of teachers' associations;
- (iii) Representatives of the local authority.

The current membership list showing the position as of November 2021 is attached at Appendix 1. The following progress has been made to date in filling vacancies and an update will be given at the meeting: -

Committee A vacancies

There is 1 vacancy across this group for a non-Christian faith representative and work is ongoing to fill this vacancy.

Committee B vacancies

There are 2 vacancies across this group – National Education Union (NUT Section) (1 place) and Association of School and College Leaders (1 place). Work will be carried out with EAS during 2022 to seek nominations from the relevant unions to fill these places.

Co-opted vacancies (2 places for youth representatives)

SACRE have agreed to co-opt two youth representatives onto the Committee and the Chair attended a meeting of the Council's Youth Cabinet to talk about the work of SACRE and gather initial expressions of interest from the young people in attendance. Progress has been halted due to the Covid-19 pandemic but it is hoped that SACRE will be able to appoint two young people to the Committee during 2022.

C RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That SACRE note the details of the current membership and vacancies, and the progress made to date in filling any vacancies.
2. That the Clerk to SACRE continues to contact the appropriate people or organisations to ensure vacant places are filled.

D SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Appendix 1 Current Caerphilly SACRE Membership as of November 2021