

SUNDERLAND STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Re: SACRE Constitution

Enclosed is a draft copy of a proposed constitution for Sunderland SACRE. It is an appropriate time to revisit the role of SACRE in light of changes within the organisation of the Local Authority and national imperatives. Nationally, it is expected that each Local Authority has a formal constitution. Although Sunderland SACRE has good working practice, these have not been formalised. It is hoped the proposed new constitution will clarify the function of SACRE and its role within the Local Authority.

Before, the next scheduled SACRE meeting on 19th June, it is expected that every SACRE member will consider the proposals carefully. At this meeting it is planned that there will be a significant amount of time set aside to discuss the proposed constitution and to make amendments as appropriate.

You will note that sections of the enclosed draft constitution have been highlighted. This is in order to illustrate those sections that would entail changes to existing SACRE procedures. The proposed constitution builds on, and amends slightly, the function and operations that Sunderland SACRE already undertakes.

To allow for a productive discussion, could all members read, and if necessary annotate the draft constitution in preparation of the scheduled meeting in June. Following a vote, it is expected that SACRE will be able to formally adopt a constitution and this document will clarify future work and formalise proceedings.