

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE SACRE CONSTITUTION

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW &
GOVERNANCE**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 For Members of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) to discuss and approve the amendment of its Constitution in relation to Quorums and the minimum requirement of representatives needed in order to achieve a quorum.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 At present the SACRE Constitution (attached as Appendix 1) requires one representative from each of the 4 Groups A to D to be present in order for the meeting to achieve its quorum and to allow for decisions to be made.
- 2.2 Members will be aware that discussion was had at previous meetings with regard to attendances and the possibility of holding meetings remotely, making the meetings more convenient and to improve the attendance of Members.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 Upon review of the Religious Education (Meetings of Local Conferences and Councils) Regulations 1994 which govern the setting up of the meetings and conferences, these do not allow for the use of remote meetings at this present time, however, the legal guidance given suggested that amendments could be made to the wording of the SACRE Constitution with regards to the minimum number of representatives that would be required to achieve a quorum.
- 3.2 The suggested change is included under Section 13 in the proposed amended Constitution (attached as Appendix 2 of this report).

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 To approve the proposed amended Constitution of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education as attached to the report under Appendix 2).

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