

9 November 2023

Report to the Standing Advisory  
Council on Religious Education



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**Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services**  
**Councillor Ted Henderson, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for**  
**Children and Young Peoples Services**

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

None

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To inform SACRE of the outcome of Cabinet and to provide the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) with a new constitution which reflects the amended membership of Committee A.

**Executive summary**

- 2 An alteration to the SACRE constitution can only be approved by Cabinet. At the meeting held on 14 December 2022 Cabinet approved a request made by the Director of Children and Young People on behalf of SACRE to alter their constitution to enable Humanist representation.

**Recommendation(s)**

- 3 The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education notes the amended Constitution which includes a representative of the Humanist non-religious worldview as a full member, alongside denominations and religions currently forming Committee A.

## **Background**

- 4 The establishment of SACRE is part of the Council's statutory duties under the Education Act 1996, and its membership must represent an appropriate reflection of the principal religious traditions of the region.
- 5 An alteration to the SACRE constitution can only be approved by Cabinet.
- 6 SACRE requested the Council to take the necessary steps to arrange for a representative of the Humanist non-religious worldview to become a full member, alongside denominations and religions currently forming Committee A of SACRE.
- 7 This request was considered by Children and Young People's service management team in August 2022 and the request was supported.
- 8 A report was presented to Corporate Management Team (CMT) in September 2022 which was also supported the request. CMT agreed that a report should be presented to Cabinet recommending that the request by SACRE be approved.

## **Conclusion**

- 9 At the meeting held on 14 December 2022 Cabinet approved the request made by the Director of Children and Young People on behalf of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) to alter their constitution to enable Humanist representation.
- 10 An amended version of the Constitution has been prepared to reflect that a representative of the Humanist non-religious worldview is now a full member of SACRE alongside denominations and religions currently forming Committee A.

## **Background papers**

- SACRE Constitution updated following Cabinet in December 2022.

## Other useful documents

- None

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

The duty to establish a standing advisory council on religious education and its functions are set out in the Education Act 1996

### **Finance**

Not applicable

### **Consultation**

Not required

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

Not applicable

### **Climate Change**

Not applicable

### **Human Rights**

Not applicable

### **Crime and Disorder**

Not applicable

### **Staffing**

Not applicable

### **Accommodation**

Not applicable

### **Risk**

Not applicable

### **Procurement**

Not applicable