



Title of meeting: Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Date of meeting: Thursday 13 July 2017

Subject: The Commission on RE

Report by: Patricia Hannam

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1. **Purpose of report:** The purpose of this report is to inform SACRE of the Commission on RE
 2. **Recommendations:** That SACRE receive the report and consider inviting a Commissioner to the SACRE
 3. **Background:** The Commission on RE is a high-profile independent Commission with a remit to make recommendations designed to improve the quality and rigour of religious education, and its capacity to prepare pupils for life in modern Britain. It began its work in 2016 and will be producing an interim report that will be published in the autumn of 2017 for further consideration. The final report is intended to be published in the autumn of 2018 with recommendations on matters such as the right to withdraw from RE as well as the wider legal framework within which RE in England sits. The terms of reference for The Commission are attached to this report and further information for example about the people who are serving as commissioners and the mechanisms for gathering evidence can be accessed through the website: <http://www.commissiononre.org.uk/>



4. Reasons for recommendations:

The Commission on RE is currently a highly significant activity currently taking place in England in relation to RE and it is essential that SACRE is well informed with regard to its activities nationally and locally.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: The Commission on RE Terms of Reference

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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