



Title of meeting: Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Date of meeting: Thursday 8 November 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 activities of the Commission on RE in particular of the interim report
 2. **Recommendations:** That SACRE receive the report and recommend that SACRE members respond to the consultation invitation
 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. The interim report was published in September 2017. Five key areas are open for consultation :-
 - (i) **For a a nationally agreed entitlement for religious education.** The entitlement is not envisaged as a national syllabus or curriculum. it would be a basic statement of what all pupils are entitled to, whatever type of school they attend.
 - (ii) **Ways to better hold schools to account for the provision and quality of RE**
 - (iii) **A renewed and expanded role for SACREs**
 - (iv) **Further evidence is sought regarding the right of withdrawal**
 - (v) **A national plan for improving teaching and learning in RE**



4. The Full Interim Report can be found here:

<http://www.commissiononre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Commission-on-Religious-Education-Interim-Report-2017.pdf> The Executive Summary of the Interim Report can be found here: <http://www.commissiononre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Executive-Summary-FINAL.pdf> (appendix A)

5. Responses to the interim report, through an on line consultation can be made here: <http://www.commissiononre.org.uk/consultation-interim-report/>

Recommended that

- (1) The report from the Professional Adviser is noted and;**
- (2) The interim report of the Commission on RE recommendations is noted and SACRE members encouraged to respond to the consultation before 09.00 on 4th December**

6. 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 A - Executive Summary

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
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