

# Report for Agenda Item 7

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### **Key Note Address**

Claire Short 'Religion, Politics and Community: SACRE's capacity to engage...'

*A couple of the more relevant points: (via hung parliament / climate change / the Middle East etc!)*

RE asks the biggest questions a human being can ever ask....and you are asking children! And yet you are not allowed to be political...

We should have a discussion about how religious values and principles are distorted; not all about religion is good, positive and pleasant – acknowledge the violence and dark side.

People are yearning for more meaning than the hedonistic aspiration of our society; the generosity of human beings should become dominant.

### **Business Meeting**

*Full Reports and Annexes available from Teresa.*

Accounts: Reserves will be depleted next year; recruitment and training will be overspent next year. Motion to increase SACRE subscription from £85 to £95 carried.

Amendments to the Constitution: Motion One: That NASACRE adopts the procedure for handling motions set out in Annex A. Motion Two: That NASACRE increases the number of co-opted places on its Executive Committee from three to six. Motions carried.

RE Celebration March 2011: this should be grassroots up! Website should be live by end May. SACRE's asked to add their events. Hampshire is talking to Portsmouth through Georgie.

National Updates Question Time: *a panel of people who were largely under purdah as the new government was being formed.....*

- Collective Worship (Circular 1/94) - unlikely anything will happen in the foreseeable future.
- Humanist Representation on SACREs: Division in the RE Council; issue may be returned to by new govt under human rights legislation.
- Assessment of Pupil Progress (APP): grade related criteria due in autumn but subject to new govt.
- QCA has not been told to stop current developments on the new Primary curriculum.

Young People's Faith Forum: relatively few applications; projects need to be owned by SACRE.

*Other:* Effective SACREs CD. Use and pass on! Some sections useful for whole SACRE training – e.g. strategic partnerships.  
Jewish Board of Deputies have an interactive CD.

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