



Title of meeting: Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Date of meeting: 1 November 2023

Subject: SACRE Annual Report

Report by: Justine Ball, Portsmouth SACRE Advisor

1. Purpose of report:

This report provides the SACRE with an opportunity to review its agreed Allowances Policy and Procedures.

2. Background:

SACRE's membership is comprised of 4 groups; more detail is available in SACRE's constitution:

Group A: Christian denominations and other religions and their denominations, reflecting the principal religious traditions of the area.

Group B: The Church of England with representatives nominated by the diocese.

Group C: Teacher and Head teacher representation.

Group D: The Local Authority: appointed by the Local Authority.

Many members of the SACRE are volunteers. Prior to the adoption of the Allowances Policy and Procedures document in June 2023, there was no process in place whereby members of the SACRE could make a claim for legitimate expenses which they incurred on SACRE business. This includes the attending meetings of the SACRE which are generally held around the city at places of worship or in education settings.

The SACRE recognised that the lack of an Allowances Policy may be an impediment to the recruitment of new members of the SACRE.

3. RECOMMENDED that SACRE adopts the SACRE Allowances Policy and Procedures for the next 12 months and that it is further reviewed at the first SACRE meeting of the 2024-25 academic year.

Appendix A - SACRE Allowances Policy and Procedures, agreed 14 June 2023.

Appendix B - SACRE Volunteer Claim form