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Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education Briefing Meeting
Subject:	SACRE Annual Report 2022-23
Date of meeting:	23 November 2023
Report by:	Justine Ball, Portsmouth SACRE Advisor
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Suzy Horton, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education
Wards affected:	ALL

1. Requested by

Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education.

2. Purpose

This report provides the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education with the opportunity to note the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) Annual Report for the academic year 2022-23.

3. Background

SACREs have responsibility for advising a Local Authority (LA) on its schools. For Religious Education (RE), SACRE advises community, voluntary controlled and Trust and Foundation schools without a religious designation. For Collective Worship SACRE advises the LA on community, Trust and Foundation schools without a religious designation.

SACREs have a duty to publish an annual report, ideally by the 31 December each calendar year but, if necessary, in the following calendar year. This report must be sent to the Secretary of State for Education as well as to key partners, including schools, teacher training institutions, libraries, and councillors. The main purpose of the annual report is to hold the LA to account, by informing the Secretary of State and key partners what advice SACRE gave the LA during the year and how that was responded to; this includes advice on RE and Collective Worship in those schools for which the LA has responsibility.

NASACRE, the national association of SACREs introduced a new template for annual reports in 2022 so that it can provide a snapshot of the work of the local bodies to the

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Department for Education. The Portsmouth SACRE Annual Report 2022-23 is based on the new template and:

- i) Specifies any matter on which it has advised and/ or supported the Local Authority.
- ii) Broadly describes the nature of that advice and / or supported the Local Authority.
- iii) Sets out its reasons for offering advice on any matters which were not referred to in the first place by the Authority.

At its meeting on 1 November 2023 the SACRE:

- a) Adopted the SACRE Annual Report 2022-23.
- b) Recommended the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education to note the Annual Report 2022-23 by 31 December 2023.
- c) Agreed to make a copy available for public inspection (on the Portsmouth City Council website) and sends a copy to the Secretary of State for Education and relevant organisations including NASACRE.

Appendix A - SACRE Annual Report 2022-23

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Signed by (Director)

Appendices:

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