



**Title of meeting:** Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

**Date of meeting:** 6 November 2024

**Subject:** SACRE Annual Report 2023-24

**Report by:** Justine Ball, Portsmouth SACRE Adviser

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**1. Purpose of report:**

This report provides the SACRE with an opportunity to agree its Annual Report for the academic year 2023-24.

**2. 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 Department for Education. The Portsmouth SACRE Annual Report 2023-24 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.

**3. RECOMMENDED that SACRE:**

- a) **Adopts the SACRE Annual Report 2023-24.**
- b) **Recommends that the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education notes the SACRE Annual Report 2023-24 by 31 December 2024.**



- c) Makes 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 listed in Appendix B of the report.**

Appendix A - SACRE Annual Report 2023-24