

APPENDIX C

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

PRINCIPLES OF REPRESENTATION

The SACRE comprises four groups of representative members.

These are:

- Christian denominations, other religions and world views (other than the Church of England) (Committee A)
- Church of England (Committee B)
- Teachers, Teaching Assistants (TAs) and Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) representatives from professional associations (Committee C)
- The Local Authority. (Committee D)

The following principles of representation shall be applied to the following groups:

Committee A - Christian denominations, other religions and world views (other than the Church of England)

This group should reflect the variety of belief systems in West Northamptonshire. Representatives should have the support of their particular community in West Northamptonshire.

Committee B - Church of England

The Diocesan Boards of Education for Peterborough Diocese should nominate these representatives.

Committee C - Teacher Representatives

Such associations representing teachers, TAs and HLTAs and Post 16 Education as, in the opinion of the Local Authority, ought, having regard to the circumstances of the county of Northamptonshire, to be represented.

Committee D - The Local Authority

The Local Authority should nominate its representatives using its established procedures for appointments.

Nomination Process:

The representatives should, as far as possible, be nominated by the appropriate local faith or belief group.

In circumstances where this is not possible, representatives should be nominated by the appropriate national organisations, district, town or city committees, or by a senior member of a local faith community.

In some circumstances it may be appropriate to consult with more than one committee in order to receive a nomination (e.g. where there are no countywide committees)

In circumstances where faith or belief groups have countywide education committees, they should be the nominating group for SACRE members.

Individuals to be nominated as Representative Members for each SACRE Committee shall meet the following requirements:

The individual should email or write to the Clerk, expressing their interest and outlining their reasons for wanting to join SACRE

New members will not require references but their letter of nomination should require their organisation to state they know of nothing to prejudice their position as a potential member of SACRE (i.e. criminal record).

New members should give a short presentation to SACRE about their reasons and motivation for joining SACRE. At this time they will be asked, so that it can be minuted, whether they agree and support the statutory duties of SACRE as set out in the Education Act 1996 and in the SACRE constitution.

Next Steps

Following the presentation by a new member to SACRE as to his/her reasons for joining SACRE, SACRE will approve or refuse the application. The Clerk or the SACRE Adviser will inform the Local Authority of SACRE's recommendation for ratification by the Local Authority.

Following ratification of SACRE's recommendation, the individual will either be appointed to the relevant SACRE Committee or be denied membership to SACRE by the Local Authority.