

REPORT TO: Children and Young People Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 23 February 2009

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Children and Young People

SUBJECT: Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) Annual Report

WARDS:

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform members of the SACRE 2007/08 Annual Report.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

(1) the report be received.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

It is a requirement of each SACRE to submit an annual report to The Qualifications & Curriculum Authority (QCA). The report includes findings of the 2007/08 Annual Return from Halton's schools.

The hard work and dedication of all our schools, to maintain and further develop the high standards reached in Religious Education should be acknowledged.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The report examines the findings by which Halton and their partners met the needs of young people in the Borough for Religious Education during 2007/2008.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

No other implications have been identified.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

To ensure effective provision of RE and Collective Worship in all Halton's schools.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

6.3 A Healthy Halton

6.4 A Safer Halton

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

The key risk is failure to improve the quality of educational outcomes in Religious Education in Halton. This risk can be mitigated by regular reporting of performance, and reviewing the action being taken where under-performance occurs.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

Educational attainment and entitlement is central to reducing inequalities and ensuring the best outcomes for all children and young people in Halton with a particular focus on vulnerable groups.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

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Place of Inspection

Contact Officer