



Cabinet Member (Education)

11th March 2014

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member (Education) - Councillor D Kershaw

Director approving the report:

Director of Education and Inclusion Service

Title

Appointments to the Coventry Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Is this a key decision?

No

1. Executive summary

The report asks Cabinet Member (Education) to approve the appointments of a representative of the Sikh faith (Group 2) and the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) (Group 3) to the Coventry Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).

2. Recommendation

The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve:

- a) the appointment of Bimla Paul to Group 2 of the Coventry Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education for a period of four years as a representative of the Sikh faith.
- b) the appointment of Angela Dawes to Group 3 of the Coventry Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education for a period of four years as a representative of the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT).

List of Appendices included:

None

Other useful background papers:

None

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it, or will it be considered by any other council committee, advisory panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report Title: Appointments to the Coventry Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

1. Context

1.1 The Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) was established under the Education Reform Act 1988 and comprises four Groups:

- A Church of England group (Group 1);
- A group representing other Christian denominations and other Faiths which reflect the principal religious traditions in the area (Group 2);
- A group representing teachers (Group 3); and,
- A group representing the City Council (Group 4)

1.2 The City Council is responsible for appointing members to the 4 statutory Groups which comprise SACRE.

1.3 The purpose of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education is to advise the Local Authority on matters concerning religious education in community schools and the religious education provision to be made in accordance with an Agreed Syllabus. These matters may include methods of teaching, training for teachers; and, choice of materials and resources.

2. Proposal

2.1 The membership of Group 2 of SACRE is currently under represented in the area of other faiths and SACRE are seeking to increase membership and are supportive of the nomination of Bimla Paul as a representative of the Sikh faith.

2.2 There has been a vacancy for an NAHT member on Group 3 of SACRE for some time and Angela Dawes has been nominated by NAHT to fill this vacancy.

The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve these nominations.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

Not applicable

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

Appointment to be made to enable the nominated representatives to attend meetings of SACRE as soon as possible.

5. Comments from the Executive Director, Resources

5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications.

5.2 Legal implications

The City Council is responsible for establishing a SACRE and appointing its members.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/ scorecard) / organisational blueprint / LAA (or Coventry SCS)

Not applicable

6.2 How is risk being managed?

Not applicable

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

Not applicable

6.4 Equalities / EIA

Not applicable

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

Not applicable

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

Not applicable

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