

## **Briefing Paper for The Meeting of Camden SACRE on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

### **1. Introduction:**

During the academic year 2019-20, members of Camden SACRE (with the support of the Professional Adviser and the LA's Schools Information and Governance Consultant) carried out an extensive self-evaluation of their work, using a self-evaluation tool provided by the National Association of SACREs (NASACRE) of which Camden SACRE is a member. The completed analysis is attached here.

The purpose of this self-evaluation tool is to help SACREs and LAs assess the quality and effectiveness of their work and to identify priorities for future development.

Each SACRE should be able to identify where it is in relation to three broad stages of development: **Developing**, **Established** and **Advanced**.

The tool was used to 'grade' a range of aspects of the work of Camden SACRE with the following results:

1. The Monitoring and Improvement of the Standards, Quality and Provision for RE.  
**Developing/Established**
2. The Partnership between SACRE, the LA and other Key Stakeholders.  
**Established**
3. The Effectiveness of the Locally Agreed Syllabus.  
**Established**
4. The Monitoring and Improvement of the Provision and Quality of Collective Worship.  
**Established**
5. The Contribution of SACRE to the Promotion of Social and Racial Harmony.  
**Developing**

### **2. The Next Stage:**

In early September of this year, the Chair of SACRE convened a meeting of a sub group to discuss these results and set the key priorities for the future work of SACRE.

Although members of the sub group recognised that Aspects 1 and 5 were clearly those where the most significant development is needed, it was agreed that every part of SACRE's work depends upon its membership being strengthened, maintained and fully engaged. If meetings are inquorate or not truly representative SACRE cannot fulfil its statutory and other responsibilities.

Therefore, the sub group proposes that the first priority for SACRE should be Aspect 2:

**Management of SACRE and Partnership with the LA and other Key Stakeholders**

*How far does SACRE's partnership with the LA enable it to carry out its responsibilities effectively?*

It is proposed that the other Aspects (1, 3, 4 and 5) will be considered at later meetings during this academic year in an order to be determined by SACRE Members.

### **3. Suggested Points for Action in Relation to Aspect 2**

1. Review - and if necessary revise - the Terms of Reference for Camden SACRE (last updated in June 2010) and submit to the LA for approval. See attached document).
2. In relation to Point 3 of the Terms of Reference – Membership of SACRE – draw up/edit a list of appropriate nominating bodies and submit to the LA for approval.
3. Identify members of SACRE who will be responsible for assisting the Chair, the Clerk and the professional officers in ensuring that all positions are filled appropriately.
4. Clarify procedures – in accordance with the Terms of Reference - by which attendance is monitored and maintained.
5. Consider the best ways in which new and existing members of SACRE can be supported in carrying out their duties actively and effectively.

NB The attached Self Evaluation Tool offers some *exemplars* of how SACREs might address the areas for development identified through the completion of this exercise.