

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DATE: JUNE 12TH 2012

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

PURPOSE: To discuss SACRE membership issues

1. MERTHYR TYDFIL SACRE MEMBERSHIP

Local education authority

6 places

Teacher associations NUT

Julie Symes

RE Teachers' Association

National Union of Teachers

UCAC

Secondary Heads Association

NAS/UWT

Association of Teachers and Lecturers

NAHT

Sue Blackmore

Jonathan Martin

Lynne Lambe

Religious denominations

Debra Evans

Roman Catholic Church

Evangelical Church

Presbyterian Church

Church in Wales

Salvation Army

Ann Starr

Father Matthew Gibbons

Janine Brill

LA Officers

Lorraine Buck

Karen Vokes

Carys Pritchard

Head of School Improvement

Clerk to SACRE

Associate Adviser (ESIS)

2. Humanist representation on SACREs

WASACRE wrote to the Welsh Government, on behalf of SACREs in Wales, regarding the request of the Humanist Association to SACREs in Wales to be appointed as a member of Committee A. The response from WG was a copy of the 1996 Education Act and its constitution for advisory councils. There has been no legal change to this constitution since that date.

390 Constitution of advisory councils.

(1) A local education authority shall constitute a standing advisory council on religious education for the purposes mentioned in section 391(1).

[F1(2) The council shall consist of such groups of persons appointed by the authority as representative members (“representative groups”) as are required by subsection (4).]

(3) The council may also include co-opted members (that is, persons co-opted as members of the council by members of the council who have not themselves been so co-opted).

(4) The representative groups required by this subsection are—

(a) a group of persons to represent such Christian denominations and other religions and denominations of such religions as, in the opinion of the authority, will appropriately reflect the principal religious traditions in the area;

(b) except in the case of an area in Wales, a group of persons to represent the Church of England;

(c) a group of persons to represent such associations representing teachers as, in the opinion of the authority, ought to be represented, having regard to the circumstances of the area; and

(d) a group of persons to represent the authority.

(5) Where a representative group is required by subsection (4)(b), the representative group required by subsection (4)(a) shall not include persons appointed to represent the Church of England.

(6) The number of representative members appointed to any representative group under subsection (4)(a) to represent each denomination or religion required to be represented shall, so far as consistent with the efficient discharge of the group’s functions, reflect broadly the proportionate strength of that denomination or religion in the area.

(7) On any question to be decided by the council only the representative groups on the council shall be entitled to vote, and each representative group shall have a single vote.