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### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WILTSHIRE STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)**

#### **Purpose of Report**

To broaden the SACRE membership with voting rights to include:

- a Humanist Representative
- two Governor Representatives (from non-faith-foundation schools)

#### **Consultation**

Consultation with SACRE members.

#### **Options Considered**

To keep the SACRE constitution as it has been since 2010.

#### **Reason for Decision**

This will reflect the National recommendations outlined in the "Commission on Religious Education Report" 2018 which recommends a move towards a "Religion and Worldviews" approach for this curriculum area. This is in order to reflect that there has been a pattern of decreased affiliation with organised religion and a growth in secularisation in England and that this needs to be reflected as we prepare students to live in modern Britain.

As the realisation of the importance of inclusion of non-religious worldviews has become increasingly obvious, it is only right that the Humanist representative (who is a member of a non-religious worldview organisation) should be allowed to sit on "Group A" with full voting rights and the possibility of serving as chair or vice-chair.

#### **DECISION MADE**

Following consultation, I give notice that I have made the decision set out in the attached report.

This decision was published on 4 October 2021 and will come into force on 12 October 2021.

**The following report and appendices are attached:**

CES-05-21 Report Recommendations for changes to the Constitution of the SACRE  
CES-05-21\_Appendix 1\_Existing Wiltshire SACRE Constitution (2010)  
CES-05-21\_Appendix 2\_Proposed wording of the new Wiltshire SACRE constitution

**The following supporting documents are available from the officer named above:**

- Commission on Religious Education Report (2018)

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**Cllr Laura Mayes**

**Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills**

Date:....4 October 2021.....