SCRUTINY REPORT

MEETING:	**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**
DATE:	**12 November 2026**
SUBJECT:	**Bury SACRE Annual Report**
REPORT FROM:	**Cabinet Member for Children and Young People**
CONTACT OFFICER:	**Amy Appleyard**

1 BACKGROUND

1.1 There is a **Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education** (SACRE) formed in each Local Authority. SACRE is the local government body responsible for advising schools on religious education and collective worship.

1.2 Since 1988, each Local Authority (LA) has been required by law to have a Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).

1.3 The remit of a SACRE is principally to oversee the Religious Education (RE) and collective worship within the authority principally to:

a. advise Bury Council upon matters connected with Religious Education and Collective Worship in community schools and in foundation schools which do not have a religious character. Religious Education in these schools is to be given in accordance with the Agreed Syllabus;
b. advise Bury Council on teaching methods, choice of materials and teacher training in Religious Education and Collective Worship;
c. require Bury Council to review the locally agreed syllabus for religious education at least every five years.

2 ISSUES

2.1 Each SACRE is required to produce an annual report. The reporting period of the 2025 - 2026 report starts from September 1st, 2025, and runs to August 31st, 2026. The report must be submitted to the DfE and for the NASACRE website by 31st December each year. Bury SACRE has approved this report.

3.1 The Committee is asked to consider and confirm the report.

List of Background Papers:-

Bury SACRE Annual Report, 2025/26

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Executive Director sign off Date:____21 October 2026

JET Meeting Date:_____