

**Report to Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

# **Oldham Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education Annual Report 2025**

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## **Executive Summary**

This annual report is prepared by Oldham SACRE as the body that advises the Local Authority on matters relating to Religious Education and Collective Worship. It provides a picture of the support given for Religious Education and Collective Worship during 2024-25. It is a public document which is also sent to the National Association of SACREs and the Department for Education.

Oldham SACRE would like to thank the Council for its support with RE and Collective Worship. The Council provides an example of excellence in helping to promote good religious literacy through its support to teachers and schools. SACRE are pleased to operate on behalf of the Council and look forward to promoting understanding, cohesion, and excellence in Oldham.

## **Recommendations**

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee commends Oldham SACRE on its annual report and consider the advice provided.

1        **Background**

1.1        The following advice is given by SACRE to the local authority:

1.2        Ensure SACRE's annual report is considered carefully by the Scrutiny Panel of the Council and any of its content is noted.

1.3        The local authority should ensure that SACRE has its full complement of attending local representatives, especially from faith communities. A regular Muslim representative is needed.

1.4        The local authority should encourage the best local provision for skilled and specialist RE teaching in Oldham, especially given the low numbers in RE recruitment. This could include support for the national bursary.

2        **Appendices**

2.1        Oldham SACRE Annual Report 2024-25