

## **Birmingham SACRE**

### **The objectives of the review of the constitution**

#### Objectives:

- The original template for SACRE was first published following the 1944 Education Act. It has been revised only to a limited extent since then. BCC have made some minor changes to it in 1977 and 1995. The Constitution is in need of modernisation and improvement alongside BCC's ambition to transform its governance and that of its sub-committees and other statutory organisations.
- That SACRE has clear values, principles, objectives and aims that reflect the values of the Council and are the types of values that represent a democratic, diverse, pluralistic and modern society.
- It is suggested that the values that SACRE and its members should subscribe to are:
  - BCC Values as taken from its Constitution
  - The Code of Conduct of BCC
  - The Nolan Principles
  - Any statutory and non-statutory Guidance from the DFE, Ofsted and NASCRE on values and principles that can be said to apply to schools or SACREs
- That the wider legal duties on the Council and SACRE are reflected in the Constitution i.e. the Human Rights Act and Equality Act duties.
- That members of SACRE are required to subscribe to those values.
- That there is a transparent and efficient appointments process that ensures that nominees establish their commitment and suitability to be members.
- That nominees are properly vetted and the procedures operate in such a manner to ensure good governance

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- That where a member of SACRE gives SACRE, or the Council cause for concern that there is a procedure for their removal.
- To make the SACRE accountable for its own budget
- That the functions of SACRE are clear and spelt out in the Constitution
- To ensure that the issues identified in the various reviews are considered, and appropriate safeguards are factored into the Constitution, functions and ways of working of the SACRE to prevent any possibility of these issues ever affecting SACRE