

Agenda Item 6

Report to:	Lincolnshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
Date:	28 February 2024
Subject:	Humanism and Committee A

Summary:

This report invites Lincolnshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) to consider whether Humanism should be part of Committee A.

Recommendation(s):

That SACRE consider and comment on whether Humanism should be part of Committee A.

1. Background

The recent legal case of *Bowen v Kent County Council* clarified that applications for Group A membership from persons who represent holders of non-religious beliefs should be considered in the same way as applications from those who represent holders of religious beliefs.

The Humanist representative on Lincolnshire SACRE is currently a co-optee and therefore does not have voting rights. The current membership make up is set out at Appendix B.

SACRE may wish to consider whether they think it is appropriate for Humanism to be part of Committee A and if so, it may wish to recommend to the Local Authority that the membership of Committee A be amended accordingly.

The view of the Department for Education is set out at appendix A.

2. Conclusion

Members are invited to consider and comment on whether Humanism should be part of Committee A for Lincolnshire SACRE.

3. Appendices

These are listed below and are attached at the back of the report:	
Appendix A	Guidance for local authorities about membership of Standing Advisory Councils for Religious Education (SACREs)
Appendix B	Current Membership of Lincolnshire SACRE

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