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A 3-step strategy was used to steer NASACRE towards a vision that meets our 5 Aims in serving both SACREs and RE:

- 1. Systematic review
- 2. Devise a vision to address gaps and progress opportunities across the 5 aims
- 3. Draft a **Development Plan** of specific, timed, measurable projects to achieve the vision

The Development Team reviewed NASACRE's internal systems and effectiveness in supporting SACRES by reviewing annual reports, SACRE Survey responses, historical and potential collaboration opportunities with other RE Organisations.

The review suggested that our website, SACRE Briefing and the AGM & Conference are all very well regarded by SACRE members as meeting their ongoing needs for expert support. The future focus of the plan is in NASACRE's untapped collaboration/promotion opportunities with other organisations and in facilitating the SACRE network developing into a more responsive online community, allowing SACREs to share region-based resourcing, expertise and good practice thereby evolving more national coherence.

Overview of the 5 Development Areas Related to the Aims of NASACRE

1. Assist SACREs to fulfil their responsibilities:

Action points

Develop/ update the 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQ) section of the website to provide advice and support to SACREs with, eg:

- How to function without an advisor
- How to find faith representatives
- How to deal with a non-compliant school

Develop template letters eg:

- communicating with the LA
- advice for schools
- compliance

Encourage members to make more website visits eg:

• including a regular *Briefing* item featuring a useful website link or FAQs

2. Represent their common concerns to other bodies

Action Points:

Develop NASACRE's partnerships with:

- REC: how to represent the statutory responsibilities of SACREs
- **IFN**: Collaboration on faith-rep gaps project
- NATRE: Collaboration on non-compliant schools; scope the problem issues and provide advice and support for SACREs on non-compliance
- Other RE Orgs: Reciprocal invite for specified exec meetings

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• Other RE Orgs: Interaction at conferences

Set up Mechanism to Publish Standardised Analysis of Annual Reports **Share** outcomes with DfE, other RE groups

Maintain links with APPGs/Ofsted/DfE

Develop links with new National RE Ambassador

3. Assist in the training and mutual consultation of SACRE members

Action points:

Develop Induction Pack for new SACRE Members template (customisable)

Signpost SACRE Tools & resource templates (customisable)

Share Membership Benefits:

- **Include:** Regular **briefing** item featuring a 'success story', good practice or resource offer: submitted by SACREs
- **Develop**: members-only inter-SACRE collaboration areas on **website**: expertise offered/required ('swap shop')

4. Encourage the development of SACREs

Action points:

Introduce new streamlined, standardised, analysable appendix of Annual Reports, including collaboration potential & revised submission date (March) to include latest exam results

Project Website: New development page, facilitating links to templates, sharable resource packs, websites & ideas from other SACREs

Project Twitter: Get SACREs on Twitter! Dioceses do it, Schools and RE Organisations do it. We need SACREs tweeting their news, events they are organising, etc.

5. Undertake such other activities appropriate to SACREs as may benefit RE and Collective Worship

Action points:

Identify issues diagnosed by National Reports (eg. REforREAL, CoRE, New Settlement) that NASACRE/SACREs could address and engage with

Identify possible ways to progress this through AGM/ Conference Eg 'National Entitlement' Compliance/Audit Exercise

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