

## **CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY**

It is once again a privilege, as Chair of the Anglesey SACRE, to present the 2016/17 Annual Report. The last twelve months have seen some changes within the Committee and I am pleased to welcome to our midst the following new members – County Councillors Glyn Haynes, Bryan Owen and Alun Roberts plus Ms Anest Frazer representing the Church in Wales. I am also pleased to report that we have been able to retain the invaluable input of Mr Rheinallt Thomas, one of our most experienced members, who remains on the Committee representing the Sunday School Council.

During the last year we have continued to make progress in the following key areas:

- (a) Receiving and analysing school's self-evaluation reports. A total of 11 reports were submitted during 2016-17.
- (b) Monitoring collective worship within the schools. Committee members continue to visit schools to see for themselves the nature of the worship taking place and often report back inspired by what they have witnessed.
- (c) Identifying good practice by receiving presentations during our meetings from selected schools which can then be shared.

As is customary there are a number of key recommendations contained within the Report. All these recommendations will subsequently be included within our ongoing Action Plan which will be updated accordingly. The Action Plan currently centres upon four priorities, namely:

- 1: Develop good leadership in religious education and collective worship;
- 2: 'Success Futures': Donaldson's Recommendations and Religious Education;
- 3: Support secondary teachers as they prepare and deliver the new GCSE RS syllabus;
- 4: Promote good quality collective worship.

The above priorities will need to be reviewed in approximately 12 months' time in preparation for the new curriculum as schools in Wales respond to recommendations made by Professor Graham Donaldson in his report "Successful Futures". Major changes in the curriculum will undoubtedly be taking place and the role of WASACRE (the national body) will be crucial in providing input to the Welsh Government on any proposed changes. Having attended my first WASACRE meeting last July I am confident that the committee will undoubtedly be a strong voice to ensure that the importance of religious education is not devalued.

Finally, I would like to again offer my sincere gratitude to my fellow members for their commitment throughout the year and for the dedication shown by the officers whose support is so vital. A special vote of thanks once again to Miss Bethan James, the Supporting Improvement Adviser for GwE (School Effectiveness and Improvement Service) whose contribution and guidance is so crucial to our success.

**COUNCILLOR DYLAN REES**  
**CHAIR OF THE ANGLESEY SACRE**