

SUMMARY REPORT

AGREED SYLLABUS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Responsible Cabinet Member – Councillor Chris McEwan, Children & Young People

Responsible Director – Murray Rose, Director of Children's Services

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Cabinet approval for the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.

Summary

2. SACRE (the Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education) reviews the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education (RE) every five years.
3. The revision of the Agreed Syllabus provides a framework for Darlington schools to take RE forward in the next five years.
4. The Agreed Syllabus is attached at **Appendix A**.

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that Members approve the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.

Reason

6. To enable schools to implement the new syllabus from September 2008 within the statutory framework.

Murray Rose,
Director of Children's Services

Background Papers

No Background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is considered that the contents of this report will have such an effect.
Health and Well Being	It is considered that the Agreed Syllabus, when delivered to children and young people as part of a coherent, personal and social education programme, will have a positive effect on their general wellbeing.
Sustainability	There are no sustainability implications as a result of this report.
Diversity	The Agreed Syllabus covers many religions and faiths. All members of SACRE have been involved in its development.
Wards Affected	All Wards
Groups Affected	Children, Young People, Teachers, Parents/Carers
Budget and Policy Framework	The issues contained within this report do not represent change to Council policy or have any budgetary effect.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision
Urgent Decision	This report does not require an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The Agreed Syllabus provides an overarching framework which links all themes from the Sustainable Community Strategy. Inclusion is at the heart of the Agreed Syllabus.

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Information and Analysis

7. The Syllabus outlines statutory requirements as well as the links to the Every Child Matters agenda. It also provides guidance on the planning and teaching of RE lessons in Key Stages 1, 2 and 3.
8. All voluntary controlled and community schools should use the new Agreed Syllabus for RE to plan their RE delivery starting in September 2008. Governing Bodies of all voluntary controlled and community schools are asked to note that the new Agreed Syllabus must be used from September 2008. Governing Bodies of voluntary aided schools may find the new Agreed Syllabus of interest, although it is not mandatory for them to use it.

Outcome of Consultation

9. Following extensive consultation the revised syllabus was agreed by the Agreed Syllabus Conference on 28th March 2008. SACRE approved the syllabus on 21st April 2008.
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