

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
8 FEBRUARY 2021**

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**REVIEW OF THE LOCALLY AGREED SYLLABUS FOR RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION 2015 – CONSULATION WITH SCHOOLS**

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**Matter for Consideration**

1. To give consideration to a school consultation exercise to form part of the agreed review of the Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education in Darlington.

**Background**

2. Every five years a local authority has to review its agreed syllabus for religious education and in order to do this it must establish an Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC).
3. At the meeting of this SACRE on 9 November 2020 Members recommended that the locally authority commence the review process and convene an Agreed Syllabus Conference to progress.

**Consultation with Schools**

4. As part of the review process it is advisable to include Primary and Secondary Schools, including special Schools in Darlington in a consultation exercise.
5. As Members will be aware this local authority has a large number of academies which in law have the same requirement to provide RE and collective worship, and a good proportion of these academies currently adopt the Locally Agreed Syllabus.
6. Anne Davison, SEND and Inclusion Advisor will support the SACRE through undertaking this consultation and Members of this SACRE should direct this process through consideration of the questions they feel are appropriate and necessary to include in the questionnaire to schools. Some suggested questions for Members consideration are attached to this report (Appendix 1).
7. Data analysis of the returned questionnaires will be considered by the Agreed Syllabus Conference when they meet as part of the review process.

## **Recommendation**

8. Members are requested to give consideration to the consultation exercise with schools.

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## **Background Papers**

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