

AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

26 APRIL 2021

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

Matter for Consideration

1. To give consideration to the review of the Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education in Darlington.

Background

2. The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education has a duty to review their Locally Agreed Syllabus every 5 years, and this is now a year overdue as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.
3. At the meeting of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education held on 8 February 2021 Members recommended that the locally authority commence the review process and convene an Agreed Syllabus Conference to progress.
4. This is the beginning of a long process of review and it is unlikely that any update to our Darlington syllabus (should one be agreed) will be ready for release to schools until January 2022 at the earliest.

Consultation with Schools

5. As part of the review process it is advisable to include Primary and Secondary Schools, including special Schools in Darlington in a consultation exercise.
6. Anne Davison, SEND and Inclusion Advisor sought clarification from the National Association of Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education (NASACRE) on the requirement for a Secondary Syllabus in a fully acadmised system and it was confirmed that there was still an expectation to produce an agreed syllabus covering all stages.
7. A Survey was circulated to all schools on 18 May, 2021 to be completed on Survey Monkey (Appendix 1) and the purpose of the survey was to gather school views, especially those of Head Teachers, subject governors and RE Teachers. The closing date for this questionnaire was the 16 April 2021.
8. Data analysis of the returned questionnaires is to be considered by the Agreed Syllabus Conference.

Recommendation

9. Members are requested to note their comments and analysis of the outcome of the questionnaire and use this to inform the next agenda of the ASC

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Background Papers

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