

AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

6 SEPTEMBER 2021

REVIEW OF THE LOCALLY AGREED SYLLABUS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2015 – OPTIONS

Matter for Consideration

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

Background

2. 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.
3. A meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference was held on 26 April 2021 Members discussed the consultation process that had been carried out with all schools and Members noted that 67.86 per cent of responses agreed that the current syllabus required change and showed an appetite for the production of a new syllabus.
4. Members agreed at that meeting to look in more detail at the breakdown of responses into secondary and primary schools and also requested that Anne Davison present to Members a number of options for consideration of the Agreed Syllabus Conference.
5. The Local Authority is required to produce a Locally Agreed Syllabus for use in its maintained schools. The options paper attached also explains the different costs for academies, who may adopt the syllabus if they wish to.
6. Members requested that confirmation be sought of the budget that would be allocated to the production of an Agreed Syllabus.
7. Attached to this report is a breakdown of costs for four options for the adoption of a Locally Agreed Syllabus for Members consideration **(Appendix 1)**.

Recommendation

8. Members are requested to consider the four options outlined and the associated costs.

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Background Papers

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

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