

AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

22 NOVEMBER 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 and the options available.

Background

2. At the meeting of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education held on 8 February 2021 Members recommended that the local authority commence the review process and convene an Agreed Syllabus Conference to progress.
3. Meetings of the Agreed Syllabus Conference have been held on 26 April 2021 and 6 September 2021 when Members discussed the consultation process that had been carried out with all schools which showed there was an appetite for the production of a new syllabus; and Anne Davison presented to Members four options for consideration by the Agreed Syllabus Conference including the cost to primary academies, the cost to secondary academies; and the total cost to the Local Authority ranging from just below £2,000 up to £25,000 for a bespoke new Syllabus.
4. It was agreed at the meeting held in September that as three of the options offered were from RE Today Services it would be beneficial for Members to receive a presentation on the Syllabus options for Model A+ and Model B from RE Today Services and that was carried out via Microsoft Teams on 18 October 2021.
5. The Local Authority is required to produce a Locally Agreed Syllabus for use in its maintained schools and academies may also choose to adopt the syllabus if they so wish.
6. The four options available are outlined in **Appendix 1**.

Recommendation

7. Members are now requested to agree one of the options outlined for the production of a new Locally Agreed Syllabus.

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Background Papers

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

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