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Outline of costs of 4 options for the adoption of a Locally Agreed Syllabus for presentation at the Agreed Syllabus conference

For consideration by the Agreed Syllabus Conference -_The allocated budget for the production of an Agreed Syllabus is £5000

| Option 1 – RE Today Bespoke Syllabus | Maintained | Cost to Primary | Cost to Secondary | Total cost to the Local |
|--|------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| | Schools | Academies | Academies | Authority |
| An Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) set up, overseeing | None | Syllabus, Support | Syllabus | Approximate: |
| the review | | materials and | Support materials | £12,000 - £25,000 |
| •A survey of teachers | | (training costs would be | and training costs | This would need to be |
| •Initial drafts by the adviser / a consultant | | covered by the Local | | discussed and would |
| •Teacher working groups to feed into the process of | | Authority – as training | | depend on the extent to |
| reviewing the drafts | | would already be set up | | which LA/SACRE wished to |
| •Re-writing by the adviser / a consultant | | for Primary | | involve teacher working |
| Approval from ASC/SACRE and the Local Authority | | maintained.) | | groups. |
| Design and production of text and/or online version. | | | | |

| Option 2 – RE Today Syllabus A | Maintained School costs | Cost to Primary | Cost to | Cost to LA of |
|---|---|--|--|---------------------------------|
| | | Academies | Secondary | covering |
| | | | Academies | statutory duties |
| Provides the minimum for a SACRE / LA to fulfil its legal | Syllabus - nil | Syllabus - £90 | Syllabus - £96 | £270 |
| requirement, and is designed to offer clear, practical support for schools in planning and teaching excellent RE. The agreement is to buy a five-year licence with RE Today. Additional support resources are also available to purchase. | Support Materials - nil Training - nil | Support Materials - £248 Training - £100 per school | Support Materials -£248 Training - £1000 (Split between those who attend) | £744 £1000 Total £2014 |

| Option 3 – RE Today Syllabus B | Maintained Schools | Cost to Primary Academies | Cost to Secondary Academies | Cost to LA of covering statutory duties |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| A newly developed model with a more systematic approach compared to the more thematic approach of syllabus model A. The agreement is to buy a five-year licence with RE Today. Additional support resources are also available to purchase. Additional training is required for 'Understanding Christianity' – this is subsidised, but is why there is an extra cost in option 3 | Syllabus - nil Support Materials - nil Training - nil | Syllabus - £90 Support Materials £160 Training - £180 Understanding Christianity £100 - syllabus training | Syllabus - £88 Support Materials - £160 Understanding Christianity training £180 Training - £1000 (split between those who attend) | £270 – 5 year licence for syllabus £180 (UC) £480 – support materials £1000 - training |

| Option 4 - Locally Agreed Syllabus 5 year licence from Regional Partner | Maintained Schools | Cost to Primary Academies | Cost to Secondary Academies | Cost to LA of covering statutory |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | duties |
| Cost of licence and use of syllabus for 5 years is £5500 | Nil | £50 per paper copy | £50 per paper copy | £5500 |
| Optional support (as used by Durham and other LAs for | | | | |
| implementation for their Agreed Syllabus)- Price upon | | | | |
| asking if syllabus adopted. | | | | |
| Consultancy support - briefing for HTs and Governors | | | | |
| Virtual launch event (hosted, platform and associated) | | | | |
| materials- 4 spaced online workshops with RE | | | | |
| Adviser) if the syllabus is adopted and unchanged. | | | | |
| Primary RE Coordinators course – Virtual training | | | | |
| using an online platform with embedded resources | | | | |
| and some live virtual sessions – support for | | | | |
| implementation and mid leader development | | | | |

Overview of available options in the production of a new Locally Agreed Syllabus

Summer 2021

The Agreed budget by the Education department for this piece of work is:

Please note that: SACREs are responsible for ensuring that pupils in the local authority's Maintained Schools receive their statutory entitlement in RE, of the highest possible quality.

Each committee has to agree the syllabus not just a majority. If a syllabus cannot be agreed it is referred to the Secretary of State for Education.

https://www.retoday.org.uk/uploads/RE%20Today%20Website/Consultancy%20documents/Syllabus%20booklet PAGES-compressed.pdf

The Agreed Syllabus sets out what pupils should be taught in religious education (RE) from ages 5 to 19. All maintained schools have a statutory duty to provide a broad and balanced curriculum which includes RE. Maintained schools without a religious character are required to teach RE to all registered pupils in accordance with the Locally Agreed Syllabus.

Academies and free schools are also required through the terms of their funding agreement to make provision for the teaching of RE. They can choose to use the locally agreed syllabus but are not required to do so.