

AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

21 MARCH 2022

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, 6 September and 22 November 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.
4. On 18 October 2021 Members of the Agreed Syllabus Conference were invited to attend a presentation on the Syllabus options for Model A+ and Model B from RE Today Services.
5. On 14 February 2022 the Chair and Lead Officer also met with representatives from Harrowgate Hill Primary School and Whinfield Primary School to seek their views to be taken into account when the AGS make their final decision on the choice of Syllabus for the authorities three maintained schools. Redhall Primary School did not attend this meeting.
6. No decision was made by the school representatives on which option they preferred and further information was requested from them to share with their colleagues to discuss further.
7. The Lead Officer has made further contact with the three schools in question and the Head Teacher of Harrowgate Hill Primary School has expressed a preference for Option B.

8. 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.
9. The four options available are outlined in **Appendix 1**.

Recommendation

10. 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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