

**AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, DARLINGTON. DL1 5QT
MONDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2021**

PRESENT –

Jenny Uzzell (Group A Paganism), Dr Kumari (Group A Hinduism), Rev Paul Baker (Group B Church of England), Councillor C L B Hughes, Councillor Curry and Fiona Rankin (Group C The National Association of School Teacher/Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT))

Co-opted Members – Jan Mole (Co-opted Member of SACRE)

Officers – Allison Hill (Democratic Officer)

APOLOGIES – Kelsang Dragden (Group A Buddhism), Dr MA Quader (Group A The Islamic Society of Darlington), Morvyn Sanderson (Group A The Methodist Church), Bess Robertson (Group A Darlington Hebrew Congregation (Judaism)), Meg Thomson (Group A Darlington United Reformed Church), Councillor Clarke and M Fryer (Co-opted Member of SACRE)

8 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING ONLY

IT WAS AGREED – That Jenny Uzzell be appointed Chair for the purpose of the Agreed Syllabus Conference.

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

10 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference held on 6 September 2021,

IT WAS AGREED – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

11 REVIEW OF THE LOCALLY AGREED SYLLABUS

The Group Director of People submitted a report (previously circulated) to give further consideration to the review of the Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education in Darlington and the options available.

It was reported, that following the decision made at the last meeting, RE Today Services gave a presentation on the Syllabus options for Model A+ and B from RE Today Services which was carried out via Microsoft Teams on 18 October 2021 and all Members were invited to attend.

Members of the Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) discussed the options available however

as attendance was low, although quorate, they did not feel they were in a position to make a decision at this stage and agreed that they wanted to consult with RE teachers to seek their views on which Syllabus option they would prefer.

It was also suggested that the Chair contact all Members of the ASC and emphasise the importance of full attendance from each group before an informed decision can be made on which option to choose.

IT WAS AGREED – (a) That further consideration of the review of the Locally Agreed Syllabus be undertaken at a future meeting of the ASC proposed for 21 March 2022 at 5.00 pm.

(b) That RE teachers be consulted on the options available and to offer their comment.