

Agreed Syllabus 2020 – with references to DfE Guidance: Religious Education in English Schools (2010)

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One of the statutory responsibilities of a local authority in relation to Religious Education concerns the Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) is as follows:

A local authority must:

- *establish an occasional body called an agreed syllabus conference (ASC) to review the agreed syllabus for RE adopted by the LA.⁶ This may have common membership with the SACRE but is a separate entity and must therefore be separately convened*
- *institute a review of its locally agreed syllabus **within five years** of the last review, and subsequently every five years after the completion of each further review*
- *appoint members of the committees represented on the ASC⁷*
- *ensure that the composition of Group A on a SACRE and Committee A on an ASC is broadly representative of the proportionate strengths of the denominations and religions in the area. The statutory provisions recognise that there will be occasions when the interest of efficiency overrides the requirement for directly proportionate representation⁸*

An LA should fund and support a SACRE and an ASC satisfactorily in line with the duty to constitute or convene each of these bodies and to enable them effectively to carry out their functions.

The proposal:

SACRE Members are invited to formally vote on the proposal. Each committee must meet separately to cast a vote in their respective committees. The whole conference will then reconvene, to record the decision. Note that co-opted members and those in attendance as clerk and associate adviser cannot vote.

That Havering SACRE's Agreed Syllabus Conference resolves to continue to recommend the current Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education to Havering subject to amendments limited to date-specific material as follows:

- Dates on the front cover changed to 2021-2026
- Forewords to be replaced by text authored by current post-holders
- Page 11, point 9 "Work to create a coherent long-term plan to begin in September 2016." To be updated to reflect the fact that this is a continuing syllabus
- Page 11, point 12 "Use September 2015–July 2016 to implement the syllabus gradually" – as above
- Page 15: Change dates in the sentence: The Redbridge and Havering Agreed Syllabus 2015-2020 fulfils the legal requirements set out above, and has its roots in the Non statutory National Curriculum for Religious Education (2013).

The Agreed Syllabus Conference further resolves to recommend to the local authority that the partnership with Redbridge SACRE be continued and that the suite of resources supporting the syllabus be extended. Costs to be spread over two financial years from the CSSB fund and shared on a one-third Havering to two-thirds Redbridge ratio. The aim is to recoup a proportion of the costs by charging schools to attend the launch conference and receive the resources. School unable to attend would be able to purchase the resources after the event. The following work to be commissioned from RE Today Services.

- 1. The planning documents to be developed into full units**
- 2. An appendix on sequencing their long-term planning to be added to the guidance**
- 3. An appendix on assessment to be added to the guidance**
- 4. A launch conference be planned**

6 Schedule 31(2), Education Act 1996

7 Schedule 31(4), Education Act 1996

8 Section 390, Schedule 31(4), Education Act 1996