

*STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION*

MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2008

REVIEW OF THE AGREED SYLLABUS

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise SACRE of the requirement to carry out a review of the Agreed Syllabus

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That SACRE establish an Agreed Syllabus Conference in order to review the content of the Agreed Syllabus.
- 2.2 That SACRE establish working parties as required to carry out reviews of the relevant parts of the syllabus.
- 2.3 That the Chairman of SACRE write to all schools indicating that the current Agreed Syllabus is to be reviewed and that their views on its content be requested.
- 2.4 That consideration be given to inviting individuals with the appropriate expertise to contribute to the working party as set out in 2.2 above.

3. Background

- 3.1 In accordance with the relevant legislation it is a requirement of SACRE to review the Agreed Syllabus for R.E to ensure that it meets the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1988 and is educationally sound. The Sub-Committee to carry out the review must include at least one member of each of the committees constituting the conference. Advice or comment can be received from outside groups or individuals. It has been past practice that all members of SACRE be appointed to the conference. Only an Agreed Syllabus Conference may recommend an Agreed Syllabus and its recommendation must be unanimously agreed by the committees constituting the conference.

- 3.2 The Education Projects Manager, of the Board of Deputies of British Jews has suggested that a representative of the Jewish Faith could attend meetings as an on looker at first and be on hand to assist the working party with the review of the Agreed Syllabus.

CONSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

Background Papers: None

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