

QCA ADVICE – AGREED SYLLABUS REVISIONS

Report By: Clerk to SACRE

Purpose

To consider the QCA advice on the timing of agreed syllabus revisions in 2009-2010 and advise the local authority on the timing of any revision to the Herefordshire Agreed Syllabus 2006-2011.

Background

1. Correspondence has been received from the National Association of SACREs (NASACRE) stating that “QCA have issued non-statutory advice to local authorities and SACREs on the timing of reviews of Agreed Syllabus given the publication of new RE Guidance and the Primary Curriculum Review expected next year. This is useful particularly for those SACREs who are due to begin Agreed Syllabus reviews in the next twelve months. The NASACRE Officers, along with officers from other RE professional associations, looked at a draft of this advice and fully support its intentions.”
2. A copy of the QCA advice, issued December 2008, has been received and is appended to this report. The Consultant for RE will outline any implications arising from this advice.
3. One of the functions of SACRE is to monitor the use of the Herefordshire Agreed Syllabus 2006-2011 and, when considered appropriate, can require the local authority to review it. The Agreed Syllabus has to be reviewed every five years.
4. The work of reviewing the Syllabus is undertaken by the Herefordshire Agreed Syllabus Conference which by law is a separate body from SACRE but can comprise of a similar membership.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT SACRE considers the QCA advice and any implications outlined by the Consultant for RE and advises the local authority on the timing of any Agreed Syllabus review.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- QCA advice on the timing of agreed syllabus revisions in 2009-2010.