

SECOND DRAFT HEREFORDSHIRE AGREED SYLLABUS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Report By: Committee Officer (Scrutiny)

Purpose

1. To consider the second draft of the Herefordshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education, to consider any further amendments in the light of further consultation and to consider formally recommending the revised Agreed Syllabus to the Local Education Authority.

Consideration following further consultation.

2. The initial drafting work for the new Agreed Syllabus was undertaken by Working Parties involving teachers during 2005. The excellent work that resulted was given preliminary consideration on 2nd November 2005 by the Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) Working Group, comprised of members of the Conference. The resultant first draft was formally considered by the Agreed Syllabus Conference on 28th November 2005. At that meeting the Syllabus Conference considered and approved a number of minor amendments and approved the resultant document for issue to all schools for consultation and comment (the consultation version).
3. On 8th February 2006, the ASC Working Group met again to consider the detailed responses received from schools arising from the consultation version of the syllabus. In light of the responses the ASC Working Group compiled a second draft for consideration by the Agreed Syllabus Conference.
4. A summary of the responses received from schools as a result of the consultation version together with the comments or suggestions arising from the deliberations by the ASC Working Group at its meeting on 8 February is attached at Appendix 1. A copy of the proposed second draft Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education has been issued as a separate document to Members of the Agreed Syllabus Conference. (Copies can be made available to the public on request).
5. In the light of the responses received the Agreed Syllabus Conference is requested to consider whether any further amendment is required to the second draft Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.

Recommendation of the revised Agreed Syllabus to the LEA

6. If, following consideration of the responses received during the consultation period and consequent slight redrafting by the ASC Working Group, the Syllabus Conference is minded to give its formal agreement to the revised Herefordshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education, then ALL committees constituting the Agreed Syllabus Conference must **UNANIMOUSLY AGREE** to recommend the revised Agreed Syllabus to the Local Education Authority for use in schools for which, or for the class or description of pupils for which, it was prepared. If necessary the Clerk will advise further on the 'unanimous recommendation' procedure at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

- THAT (a) the second draft Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education be considered in the light of the further consultation; and
- (b) subject to (a) above all Committees of the Agreed Syllabus Conference consider whether they wish to **UNANIMOUSLY AGREE** to recommend the revised Herefordshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education to the Local Education Authority.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- DFE Circular 1/94