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Title of paper:	The Agreed Syllabus Conference; Consideration for approval The Agreed Syllabus for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire; Religious Education for All 2020
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Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users): SACRE is a separate Statutory Body to the Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC). Members of Nottingham City SACRE have worked with County colleagues to develop a draft Syllabus 2020-2025. SACRE will need to consider the views of the ASC in determining its recommendation to the Local Authority concerning the Agreed Syllabus.	
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Recommendation(s):	
1	That SACRE consider the recommendations of the Agreed Syllabus Conference in determining the Religious Education Syllabus for Nottingham 2020-2025 and subject to the outcome of that consideration, make recommendations to Nottingham City Council.

1 Reasons for recommendations

An agreed syllabus conference (ASC) is a statutory body brought together in order to produce an agreed syllabus for RE. It is a separate legal body from a SACRE. Every LA is required to establish & support an occasional body called an agreed syllabus conference ASC which must:

- produce and recommend to the LA an agreed syllabus for RE;
- meet in public;
- unanimously recommend a syllabus for adoption by the LA;
- include on any sub-committee at least one member of each of its constituent committees.

An ASC has the same group structure as the SACRE but these are called committees; It

- is made up of representatives from the same interest groups as the SACRE, who may or may not be the same people;
- has no provision for co-opted members;
- may be chaired by an appointee of the local authority or may be permitted to choose its own Chair
- must specify what will be taught through the agreed syllabus;
- may not specify the amount of curriculum time that must be allocated to RE, but may provide an estimate of how much time their syllabus would require to help schools to plan their timetable.

2 Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money/VAT)

- 2.1 SACRE has previously committed funds to working with Nottinghamshire SACRE in the co-creation of the revised Syllabus. There are further decisions to be made on the production of the final format of the documentation, these will be part of the ASC considerations and shared with SACRE.

3 Legal and Procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, Crime and Disorder Act and procurement implications)

- 3.1 There are no legal or procurement issues related to the recommendation at this stage.

4 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 4.1 The Constitution of SACRE has been compiled with regard to the Statutory legislation and guidance in establishing SACRE. All Local Authorities are required by chapter 3 (paragraphs 375-399) of the Education Act 1996 to constitute a SACRE. These arrangements set out the framework within which the SACRE may function, and the content reflects, and is required, by the Act. The constitution also reflects the requirements of Circular 1194 for the SACRE to broadly represent the proportionate strength of local religious groups, in terms of equality impact and proportionate representation. SACRE

5 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 5.1 None, the proposed Syllabus is currently in draft form.
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