



**REVIEWING THE  
AGREED SYLLABUS**

- Every 5 years

Question to consider:

Is this to be a joint review between  
County & City?



Nottinghamshire  
County Council

## Religious Education for all

The Agreed Syllabus for RE in Nottinghamshire

2015-2020



# RE-TODAY CONSULTANT LAT BLAYLOCK

Our review should cover 6 things:

1. bring outcomes & assessment section up to date.
2. take account of the latest OFSTED ‘intent / implement / impact’ framework in the text of the syllabus.
3. respond to the CoRE report’s call for RE entitlements & a national plan (particularly with reference to Academies)

4. responds to the new requirements at GCSE RS

5. takes a clear & broader approach to planning

6. recognises the legal case in Wales about Humanists & human rights by reviewing & updating how the syllabus deals with non-religious world views.

+ Maybe other points which arise

# WAY FORWARD

- ASC established by each LA
- Working Group to work with Consultant perhaps 3 days
- Consisting of perhaps a couple of teachers from each authority, along with any faith reps & the diocese . (teachers supply cover a cost?)

# TIMELINE FOR A LAUNCH FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

- Budget needs to be in place by Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2019
- Working Group meetings - maybe Oct / Jan / April?) to gather ideas & insights from a small teacher working group & progress on that basis.  
Perhaps a couple of teachers from each authority.
- ASC / SACRE agreement by early June 2020
- Production of material - need to consider this in light of what is produced
- Launch event? ..... Late June / early July??

# COSTS

- Consultant £ 7.5 k maybe slightly less depending upon involvement -- is this 50 : 50 cost to each LA
- Supply Costs for teacher involvement admin - Each LA
- Venue for meetings
- Production costs???? Depends upon how we are doing this!
- Launch event - self financing .. Key note speaker who would attract? Conference -outlining changes

# AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

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.

## **Statutory Requirements**

Every LA is required to establish & support an occasional body called an agreed syllabus conference 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.



- has the same group structure as the SACRE but these are called committees;
- 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.
- **The LA's responsibility to convene the ASC implies a duty to provide funds and support for its work.**

# QUESTIONS WHICH SHOULD CONCERN AN ASC INCLUDE:

- How is the agreed syllabus best delivered to each age group?
- What mixture should there be of formal content, thematic work, group work, personal discovery, visits to specified buildings or events, and visitors?
- What is the relationship of RE to spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and other whole-school priorities?
- What is the impact on RE of new curricular developments?
- How will local faith and belief be reflected in the locally agreed syllabus?
- What should pupils learn at each key stage?
- What should be statutory within the agreed syllabus, and what should be non-statutory guidance, to be placed in appendices?

# DISCUSSION & WAY FORWARD

