

The meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference commenced at 9:00 pm.

Following discussion at the previous meeting held in March 2016, guidance had been circulated to Members. This suggested that the Agreed Syllabus Conference would need to consider updating the Hillingdon Agreed Syllabus in order to include coverage of Humanism and non-religious world views.

There was a discussion about the challenges faced by schools with regards to the teaching of RE. This included that there was not enough time available for schools to teach pupils about all faiths. Schools would need to determine how they covered both religious faiths and non religious world views and SACRE could play a role in advising on this.

Concerns were raised that schools often taught RE to ensure that their pupils were successful in their GCSEs, rather than lessons providing a wider education. It was acknowledged that this was likely to be the case for all school subjects. It was agreed that the provision of RE guidance to teachers was important, especially as some of those required to teach the subject did not have a specific background in it

Members agreed that a review of the syllabus should be undertaken and it was agreed that Robert Harwood, the Humanist representative on the Agreed Syllabus Conference would draft proposals. This would be based upon a nationally agreed template that could be adapted for use locally. A sub group of HSACRE Members would then meet to discuss the proposals. It was anticipated that this meeting would take place in September. The sub-group would then look to present its proposed alterations to the syllabus to the next Agreed Syllabus Conference meeting in November 2016.

Resolved:

- That:**
 - 1. A review of the Hillingdon Agreed Syllabus would be undertaken to ensure the sufficient coverage of Humanism and other non-religious world views;**
 - 2. Robert Harwood, the Humanist representative on the Agreed Syllabus Conference would draft proposed revisions to the Hillingdon Agreed Syllabus;**
 - 3. A sub-group would be convened to discuss the proposed revisions to the syllabus. Membership of the sub-group would include Amir Ahmed, Naseem Bint Amir, Robert Harwood, Duncan Struthers and an officer from the Council's School Improvement team; and,**
 - 4. Hillingdon SACRE to review GCSE RE papers at its next meeting.**

The meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference concluded at 9:20 pm.