

## **CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**DATE: 18TH OCTOBER 2016**

**SUBJECT REVISED GCSE SPECIFICATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: UPDATE**

### **A BACKGROUND**

SACRE has been regularly updated on progress with regard to the revised specifications for GCSE and A/AS Level examination courses. SACRE agreed that any information should be shared with schools as soon as possible after receiving any updates from WJEC to help RE departments in their planning and preparation of schemes of work and for teaching the revised specifications.

The A/AS level specifications have been approved and are in place for first teaching from September 2016

The GCSE specifications were delayed and therefore deferred by Qualifications Wales until first teaching in 2017. However, there has been an issue for those schools that start the GCSE courses early (e.g. Year 9) because they will need to start teaching from the new specifications in September 2016 therefore they are anxious to receive an outline of the new specification for GCSE by autumn 2016.

In September 2016 SACRE wrote to all schools and SACRE members giving them an update on the current situation regarding the revised GCSE specification (see attached letter and email from Lynda Maddock, GCSE Subject Officer for WJEC).

### **B RECOMMENDATION**

SACRE to note and discuss the developments relating to the revised specifications for GCSE.

### **C SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Appendix 1 Information from Lynda Maddock (WJEC)