

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE: 25TH NOVEMBER 2021

REPORT TO: CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUBJECT: CAERPHILLY SACRE RESPONSE TO THE WG CONSULTATION ON THE CURRICULUM FOR WALES RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS (RVE) GUIDANCE

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To receive and note the consultation responses submitted by the Chair of Caerphilly SACRE arising from a recent Welsh Government consultation on the Curriculum for Wales 2022.

B. BACKGROUND

Caerphilly SACRE Response to the WG Consultation on the Curriculum for Wales Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE) Guidance. **Consultation Period May-July 2021**

The Curriculum for Wales Framework was published on 28 January 2020. Before its publication, the Framework was subject to broad and extensive consultation. Feedback received signalled what specific, additional guidance schools and settings would require in order to successfully design and realise their own curriculum. Welsh Government committed to publishing:

- guidance for Religion, Values and Ethics
- guidance for relationships and sexuality education
- guidance on careers and work-related experiences
- guidance to support practitioners working with learners at the beginning of the learning continuum
- a curriculum and assessment framework for funded non-maintained nursery settings to adopt
- guidance on developing a curriculum for those responsible for education other than at school
- guidance on British Sign Language.

This feedback phase welcomed views on the additional Curriculum for Wales guidance for Religion, Values, and Ethics (RVE). The draft guidance was developed by practitioners through a process of co-construction supported by other experts. This feedback phase formed part of the co-construction process. It provided an opportunity for all practitioners and other stakeholders to offer input that will support the further development of the guidance. All responses to the feedback phase will be considered and analysed independently, as well by practitioners and others in the working groups. The draft guidance will then be refined in response to the feedback and will form part of an update to the Curriculum for Wales Framework in autumn 2021, to be used by schools and settings as a tool for curriculum planning, design and implementation.

SACRE were advised by email of the consultation on Religion Values and Ethics on the new Curriculum for Wales 2022. As the Summer Term meeting of Caerphilly SACRE did not take

place due to the Covid-19 pandemic, SACRE members were consulted via email. A draft response was sent to SACRE for comment on 6th July 2021 and following input received from Members, the final response was submitted to WG ahead of the 16th July 2021 deadline by the Chair of Caerphilly SACRE on behalf of its Members. A final copy of the response was forwarded to SACRE for information.

C. RECOMMENDATION

Members of the SACRE are requested to receive and note the attached responses to the consultation submitted by the Chair of Caerphilly SACRE on behalf of its Members.

D. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Appendix 1 Caerphilly SACRE response to the Welsh Government consultation on the Curriculum for Wales Religion Values and Ethics (RVE) guidance