

## **CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STANDING CONFERENCE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, TREDOMEN  
ON 16TH JULY 1999 AT 3.30 P.M.**

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PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mrs. K.R. Baker, R.W. Gough, D.M. Gray, J. Taylor

Representing Teachers Associations/Religious Bodies:

Mrs. S. John - (UCAC)

Mrs. C. Anthony - (NAHT)

Mr. P. Sass - (ATL)

Rev. D.J. Carpenter

Rev. A.D. Ireland

Together with:

ESIS Religious Education Adviser (VT), Head of Professional Services, Research Officer (Performance) Senior Committee Services Officer.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. A. Parsons and K.R. Snell and Ms. N. Thomas (NUT).

#### **EXEMPT INFORMATION**

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, as if members of the public were present, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information under clauses 7 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

#### **SC1 AGREED SYLLABUS REVIEW WORKING PARTY**

Details of the outcomes and the brief of the Agreed Syllabus Working Party were outlined in detail.

Those present wished to place on record their appreciation to the working party for their detailed examination of the above and it was agreed to write to each member to thank them for their valuable contribution.

Whilst discussing the proposals, the issues on progression and continuity were discussed and the fact that the draft model provides more detail and prescription regarding what should be taught at each key stage was welcomed.

The proposals in that:-

- (a) at each key stage there be core units to ensure progression and continuity;
- (b) there be a series of extension units which would allow schools an element of choice;
- (c) the religions studied at each key stage be as follows:-

Key Stage 1 : Christianity and Judaism (plus one other religion if desired);

Key Stage 2 : Christianity and Islam (plus one other religion of their choice);

Key Stage 3 : Christianity and Hinduism (plus up to two other religions of their choice)

were outlined in detail and the question of resourcing was raised. It was noted that support material on the core units would be available from ESIS, a training seminar would be arranged by the local authority and that schools could co-operate with each other to exchange material.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the new draft agreed syllabus as outlined in the report be published for consultation;
- (ii) the working party continue its brief and devise an assessment structure based upon the use of level descriptions;
- (iii) the syllabus sent out for consultation to schools in the early Autumn 1999 with comments returned by end of October half term;
- (iv) the comments be addressed with a reconvening of the working party if necessary;
- (v) the standing conference reconvene to consider the views of the consultees and formally approve the final document prior to its publication;
- (vi) the syllabus be distributed through In-Service Training in the Spring Term 2000;
- (vii) schools implement the syllabus from September 2000 with a staggered implementation into Years 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8 in its first year.

The meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.