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**Date: 8th February 2022**

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **Standing Conference (Agreed Syllabus) of Caerphilly Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)** will be held via Microsoft Teams on **Monday, 14th February, 2022 at 3.00 pm** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda. Councillors and the public wishing to speak on any item can do so by making a request to the Chair. You are also welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, both these requests require a minimum notice period of 3 working days.

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Yours faithfully,

**Christina Harrhy**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## AGENDA

	Pages
1 To receive apologies for absence.	
2 Declarations of Interest. Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers	

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To receive and consider the following report: -

3 To consider the preparation of a new Agreed Syllabus for Religion, Values and Ethics.

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**Circulation:**

**Councillors** Mrs E.M. Aldworth, A. Collis, Mrs G.D. Oliver, Mrs T. Parry, J. Simmonds and J. Taylor  
(Chair)

And Appropriate Officers; Trade Union Representatives and Religious Organisations

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## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** STANDING CONFERENCE (AGREED SYLLABUS) OF CAERPHILLY  
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**DATE:** 14TH FEBRUARY 2022

**SUBJECT:** TO CONSIDER THE PREPARATION OF A NEW AGREED  
SYLLABUS FOR RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS

### **A PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To inform Standing Conference Members of the progress made to date regarding the preparation of a new Agreed Syllabus for Religion, Values and Ethics, in view of the recent Curriculum for Wales framework guidance from Welsh Government.
2. For Standing Conference Members to consider the guidance and agree the way forward regarding the preparation of a new Agreed Syllabus for approval at a future meeting of the Standing Conference.

### **B BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Agreed Syllabus sets out the requirements that schools should follow in order to meet statutory requirements. In June 2013 Standing Conference endorsed the re-adoption of the existing Caerphilly Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education that was adopted in 2008, with an understanding that the syllabus would be reviewed once further information is received in relation to the assessment and national curriculum review.
- 1.2 SACRE has been updated on a termly basis of developments with the National Curriculum review and the development of the Humanities curriculum. Schools have been advised that they should follow the current agreed syllabus until further notice.
- 1.3 In May 2019, Standing Conference agreed to readopt the current Agreed Syllabus until the implementation of the new curriculum in 2022.
- 1.4 In view of guidance recently released by Welsh Government on the new Curriculum for Wales framework, local authorities across Wales and their SACREs are now in a position to begin preparations on the adoption of a new Agreed Syllabus.
- 1.5 The guidance from Welsh Government makes provision for local authorities to adopt or adapt this guidance as their Agreed Syllabus.
- 1.6 It is therefore suggested that Standing Conference consider adopting this guidance as their Agreed Syllabus, subject to the inclusion of a foreword which will be relevant to Caerphilly County Borough Council as the local authority in delivering RVE. It is suggested that a SACRE working group be set up following the meeting in order for Members and Officers to contribute to the foreword and finalise the content, ahead of presentation of the finalised Agreed Syllabus to a further meeting of Standing Conference for approval.

- 1.7 A verbal presentation giving further information on the proposed way forward will be given by the RE Advisor to SACRE at the Standing Conference meeting.
- 1.8 The below links which are provided for Members' information contain the Welsh Government guidance on Religion Value and Ethics, together with the Legislative Summary guidance applicable to the Curriculum for Wales Framework.

[Link to Welsh Government guidance on Religion Value and Ethics](#)

[Link to Legislative Summary guidance applicable to the Curriculum for Wales Framework](#)

## **C RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. For Standing Conference Members to note the progress made to date regarding the preparation of a new Agreed Syllabus for Religion, Values and Ethics, in view of the recent Curriculum for Wales framework guidance from Welsh Government.
2. For Standing Conference Members to consider this guidance and agree the way forward regarding the preparation of a new Agreed Syllabus for approval at a future meeting of the Standing Conference.

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