

## **CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

**DATE: 16TH OCTOBER 2017**

**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. The GCSE specifications have been approved and are in place for first teaching from September 2017

#### **WJEC (Wales) GCSE Religious Studies textbook**

In July 2017 the SACRE clerk informed all secondary schools and SACRE members of information received from Lynda Maddock, GCSE Subject Officer at WJEC regarding the WJEC (Wales) GCSE Religious Studies textbook. WJEC informed SACREs that the Hodder text book written specifically for WJEC (Wales) was available from August 2017 but also that WJEC had put link to this on the RS page of the WJEC website. WJEC have also tweeted about it and commented on Facebook. The purpose is to ensure that schools were fully informed and could start their planning as soon as possible for the start of the new school term. Many schools have been using the EDUQAS text book whilst awaiting the new resource from WJEC.

#### **GCSE Lead Practitioners: Update**

Next meeting - Lewis School Pengam.

Date - yet to be confirmed

Focus – Assessment for Learning (AFL)

Rhian Davies, Lead Practitioner, will be feeding back from the consortia meeting held in early September.

Please work through Nicky Hagendyk at EAS if teachers want to visit Rhian's school or other support from Rhian.

Rhian can be contacted at her school King Henry VIII (tel 01873 735373). Rhian's extension number is 5302

### **B RECOMMENDATION**

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