

<b>Report to:</b>	SACRE
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Dave Brennand, Brokerage and Professional Development Adviser
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	25 July 2016

## BLACKPOOL SACRE LOCAL AGREED SYLLABUS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the development of an agreed syllabus for Religious Education in Blackpool.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the development of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus.

2.2 To consider future actions for an Agreed Syllabus for Blackpool from the options listed in Paragraph 5.3.

2.3 To consider the RE Network's recommendation to use the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 It is a statutory requirement for every Local Authority to have in place an agreed syllabus and as the current syllabus has expired.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

Alternative options are outlined in Paragraph 5.3.

#### **4.0 Council Priority:**

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

#### **5.0 Background Information**

- 5.1 Blackpool Council has for the past 5 years has had an Agreed Syllabus produced in 2010 in conjunction with Lancashire County Council. This has now expired and given all authorities must have in place an agreed syllabus it is necessary to consider options as to how proceed.

- 5.2 Lancashire County Council has already agreed through its SACRE meeting to write a new syllabus. It is intended that this syllabus would in a general terms reflect the current syllabus with some minor updates. The syllabus would be available for sale including resources as a Service Level Agreement by Lancashire County Council and a reduced price has been offered.

- 5.3 The SACRE is requested to consider its preferred course of action whether to adopt the Lancashire County Council Agreed Syllabus once completed, to write its own agreed syllabus for Religious Education or to agree to purchase or share an agreed syllabus with another authority. The SACRE may equally wish to defer any consideration until it has had a chance to review the proposed syllabus or to request that members of the Blackpool SACRE or officers are involved in the creation of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.

- 5.4 The local Religious Education Network for Blackpool has been consulted and its preferred option is to adopt the same syllabus as Lancashire County Council. This would allow a level of continuity and cooperation across the two authorities.

#### **5.5 List of Appendices:**

None

#### **6.0 Legal considerations:**

- 6.1 [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/190260/DCSF-00114-2010.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/190260/DCSF-00114-2010.pdf)

Non-statutory guidance 2010

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/56/pdfs/ukpga\\_19960056\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/56/pdfs/ukpga_19960056_en.pdf)

1996 education act (section 375)

**7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None

**8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 None

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 None

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 Consultation has been undertaken with North West SACRE group and the Blackpool Religious Education Network.

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 None

