

Report to:	SACRE
Relevant Officer:	Amanda Whitehead, Head of Schools, Standards and Effectiveness
Date of Meeting:	8 November 2017

SYLLABUS UPDATES

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the attached report of the Religious Education Syllabuses currently used by schools in Blackpool.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To note the Syllabuses currently in use in Blackpool schools for Religious Education as outlined in report at Appendix 7a.
- 2.2 To agree any further actions by the SACRE.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To raise members' awareness and allow members to consider whether Syllabuses in use address the recommendations of reviews of Religious Education.

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:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

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

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Members will recall that at previous meetings, the large number of Academy schools in Blackpool was highlighted. It was noted that these schools had a greater degree of autonomy in selected their syllabus so that it was possible that a variety syllabuses where in use. As requested schools have therefore be requested to provide details of the Syllabus in use and this is attached at Appendix 7a.

5.2 The SACRE may wish to consider any actions or further research it wishes to undertake regarding syllabus particularly to satisfy the SACRE as to whether the syllabuses used address the recommendations of the interim report of the Commission for Religious Education (Item 5 on the agenda) and the State of the Nation review previously presented to the SACRE attached at Appendix 7b.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.4 List of Appendices:

Appendix 7a: Syllabuses in use in Blackpool.

Appendix 7b: State of the Nation review

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

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 None.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.