

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Shellina Prendergast, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

DECISION NO:

22/00048

For publication

Key decision: YES

Key decision criteria. The decision will:

b) be significant in terms of its effects on a significant proportion of the community living or working within two or more electoral divisions –

Subject Matter / Title of Decision:

Kent Agreed Religious Education Syllabus 2022-2027

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, I agree;

- to adopt the proposed syllabus as Kent's Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education, as recommended by the Agreed Syllabus Conference 2022; and
- delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Children to take relevant actions, including but not limited to entering into contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, in giving effect to the Agreed Syllabus Conference recommendation would allow the Local Authority to fulfil its duty to review and provide a locally agreed syllabus for religious education.

Background

The Local Authority is required to revise its Locally Agreed Syllabus for RE at least every five years. The current Kent RE syllabus was introduced in September 2017 and was therefore due to be reviewed in 2022. Further to the requirements set out in Section 375 and Schedule 31 of the Education Act 1996, the formal review was undertaken by the Kent Agreed Syllabus Conference in May 2022. The Conference unanimously agreed to recommend renewing the RE Today Model A+ syllabus licence for a further five years.

Financial Implications

The costs of the Agreed Syllabus will be met from within existing budgets.

Equalities implications

An Equality Impact Assessment has been produced and no adverse impacts were identified during the assessment.

Legal implications

The adoption of a revised locally agreed syllabus fulfils the duty under Section 375 and Schedule 31 of the Education Act 1996 to review syllabi periodically.

Data Protection implications

A DPIA has not been completed as there is no risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

An update report was considered by the Children’s and Young People Cabinet Committee on 10 May 2022. A further update report will be discussed at the Children’s and Young People Cabinet Committee on 19 July 2022.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

The Agreed Syllabus Conference Members noted that the resources required to independently write a new syllabus would outweigh the costs involved with the license renewal.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

None



20 July 2022

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signed

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date