

Minutes of the Meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC)

Date: Thursday, 02 July 2020

Time: 19:00

Venue: This meeting will be a virtual meeting and therefore will not take place in a physical venue. Please see page 2 of the agenda for a link to the webcast of the meeting.

Attendees:

Councillor Jon Ball, Councillor Theresa Byrne, Dr Elizabeth Day, Councillor Tejinder Dhami, Mr Luxman Dissanayake, Lori Greenglass, Dr Marianne Izen, Jaswant Kaur Bola, Mrs Barjinder Lall, Emma Lauder, Councillor Tariq Mahmood, Mr Kasim Minhas, Mr Oliver Murphy, Mr Mark Newton, Councillor Aysha Raza, Councillor Sarah Rooney, Mr Naif Sheikh

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:
Councillor Millican
Councillor Sahota
Ms Kim Burke (Roman Catholic)

2 Urgent Matters

There were none.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4 Matters to be Considered in Private

There were none.

5 Introduction from the Chair

The Chair, Councillor Mahmood, welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference and thanked them for attending. The Chair confirmed how he intended to conduct the meeting.

6 New Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education

The Committee was aware that the draft New Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2020-2025 'Believing, Behaving and Belonging' had been developed by the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE), supported by Religious Education professionals as well as the Borough's Religious Education school networks and subject heads. The syllabus had been written on behalf of Ealing SACRE by Reverend Andrew

Williams who worked as a Senior Lecturer and Subject Lead for Religious Education at Roehampton University.

The Committee was also aware that the New Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2020-2025 had sought to build on the earlier provision in a number of distinctive, yet integrated, ways and would replace the current syllabus for Religious Education, 'Sowing the Seeds of the Future: An Exploration of Human Beliefs and Values', which was published in 2014.

Lesley Prior, Adviser for Religious Education in Community Schools and SACRE, informed the Committee that due to the fact that some Committee members had expressed concerns about not having sufficient time to read through the draft document and make appropriate submissions, she had informed the Chair that she didn't feel that it would be appropriate for there to be a vote at this time and he had therefore agreed to defer.

Reverend Andrew Williams thanked members for the feedback and proposed changes that he had already received on the draft New Agreed Syllabus document and welcomed further comments and suggestions. It was confirmed that, once all amendments had been made, the final draft document would be voted on at a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee thanked Reverend Andrew Williams for his hard work and continued support in writing the syllabus.

7 Report back on Voting

There was nothing to report back at this time.

The meeting concluded at 8:21pm