

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

**Date:** Thursday, 23 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:**

**Ms Kim Burke, Councillor Theresa Byrne, Dr Elizabeth Day, Councillor Tejinder Dhami, Mr Luxman Dissanayake, Lori Greenglass, Dr Marianne Izen, Mrs Barjinder Lall, Emma Lauder, Councillor Tariq Mahmood, Councillor Mohinder Midha, Councillor David Millican, Mr Oliver Murphy, Mr Mark Newton, Rev Canon Mark Poulson, Councillor Aysha Raza, Ms Kath Richardson, Councillor Kamaldeep Sahota, Mr Naif Sheikh**

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

Councillor Ball  
Councillor Rooney  
Ms Marion McNeill (Free Church Federal Council)  
Rev. Susan McCoan (United Reformed Church)

### **2 Urgent Matters**

There were none.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **4 Matters to be Considered in Private**

There were none.

### **5 Minutes**

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2020.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

### **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.

At its meeting held on 2 July 2020 the Committee was informed by Lesley Prior, Adviser for Religious Education in Community Schools and SACRE, 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 on the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2020-2025 at that time and the Chair had therefore agreed to defer. Reverend Andrew Williams welcomed further comments and suggestions from the Committee, and it was confirmed that, once all amendments had been made, the final draft document would be voted on at a future meeting.

The Committee now had before it, for its consideration, a report and the final amended version of the draft New Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2020-2025 'Religion and Worldviews: Believing, Behaving and Belonging'.

The Chair thanked all those who had been involved for their tremendous hard work, dedication and support.

**RESOLVED:** That

1. The Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2020-2025 'Religion and Worldviews: Believing, Behaving and Belonging' is adopted.

## **7 Report back on Voting**

Ealing Council Group - Agreed

Church of England Group – Agreed

Teachers' Associations Group – Agreed

Groups Representing Other Religious Denominations - Agreed

*The meeting concluded at 7:23pm*

