

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 17 January 2022

Decision No: (CAB 21/22 32879)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Education
SUBJECT:	Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education
AUTHOR:	Alison Philpott

THE DECISION

- (i) To approve Living Difference IV for use in those schools who must follow it, and for it to be available to those who have autonomy to select their own syllabus to use.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director for Education to provide additional information for teachers regarding the “Golden Threads” through a briefing for all head teachers, RE leaders; additional information included within the launch for the syllabus and CPD for teachers over the coming five-year cycle of the syllabus.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. SACRE have voted unanimously to approve the document which is recommended to become the approved syllabus across Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton, with the caveat that additional information regarding golden thread concepts of Love, Special, Belonging and Community is provided.
2. The other three SACREs (Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth) have not requested any additional information be added therefore it is recommended that the professional adviser to the SACRE ensures that appropriate additional information is provided to Southampton teachers through briefing communications with schools, CPD for RE leads and teachers delivering the syllabus in schools.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. Recommendation 2 is added to address a request by Southampton SACRE for the Local Authority to add an additional section providing more information about the “golden threads” into the syllabus. This request to amend the Syllabus by adding an additional section has been rejected due to sharing the

syllabus with other Local Authorities who have already completed their processes. It would therefore not be cost or time effective when an alternative is available.

2. The request to provide additional information can be met through the planned launch of the syllabus in 2022, and the CPD prior to the implementation of the syllabus in Spring and summer term 2022. Additional guidance can be issued to schools to ensure their understanding which will then be reviewed during SACRE monitoring visits to schools.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 17th January 2022

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Claire Heather

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>