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To: Catherine McCormack (Chair)

Councillors: Janet Axworthy, Marion Bateman, Chris Bithell, Paul Cunningham, Adele Davies-Cooke, Colin Legg, Dave Mackie and Ian Roberts

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS:

Church in Wales Representatives

(St Asaph Diocese)

Jennie Downes (Diocesan Office)

Marina Parsons (Headteacher Trelawnyd)

Roman Catholic Representatives

Wendy White (Diocesan Office)

and John Morgan (St Anthony's Catholic Primary School)

Presbyterian Church of Wales

(Henaduriaeth y Gogledd Ddwyrain)

Rev. Huw Powell Davies

TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS:

Secondary Heads

Catherine McCormack (St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School)

Primary Heads Federation

Simon Piercy (Golftyn School)

Secondary RE Specialist

Lyn Oakes (Alun High School)

College Representative Deeside VI

Robert Hughes (Coleg Cambria)

Primary Classroom Teachers

Amira Mattar (Westwood CP School)

Special School Representative

Julian Lewis (Ysgol Pen Coch)

Dear Sir / Madam

A remote meeting of the **AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE** will be held on **THURSDAY, 17TH MARCH, 2022 at 4.00 PM** to consider the following items.

Yours sincerely

Steven Goodrum
Democratic Services Manager

Please note: This will be a remote meeting and 'attendance' will be restricted to Committee Members and those Members of Council who have asked the Head of Democratic Services for an invitation. Such attendees may only speak at the Chair's discretion.

The meeting will be live streamed onto the Council's website. A recording of the meeting will also be available, shortly after the meeting at <https://flintshire.publici.tv/core/portal/home>

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AGENDA

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of their declared personal interests.

2 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES

3 MINUTES (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting on 9th February 2022.

4 FEEDBACK FROM WORKING GROUP AND FUTURE ACTIONS

To receive a verbal update at the meeting by Vicky Barlow, Senior Manager for School Improvement, Education and Youth Portfolio.

5 FLINTSHIRE LOCALLY AGREED SYLLABUS

To formally approve the new Agreed Syllabus for Flintshire from September 2022.

6 CLOSING REMARKS - CHAIR OF CONFERENCE

Procedural Note on the conduct of meetings

The Chair will open the meeting and introduce themselves.

The meeting will be attended by a number of Councillors. Officers will also be in attendance to present reports, with Democratic Services officers acting as hosts of the meeting.

All attendees are asked to ensure their mobile phones are switched off and that any background noise is kept to a minimum.

All microphones are to be kept muted during the meeting and should only be unmuted when invited to speak by the Chair. When invitees have finished speaking they should go back on mute.

To indicate to speak, Councillors will use the chat facility or use the electronic raise hand function. The chat function may also be used for questions, relevant comments and officer advice and updates.

The Chair will call the speakers, with elected Members addressed as 'Councillor' and officers addressed by their job title e.g. Chief Executive' or name. From time to time, the officer advising the Chair will explain procedural points or suggest alternative wording for proposals, to assist the Committee.

If and when a vote is taken, the Chair will explain that only those who oppose the proposal(s), or who wish to abstain will need to indicate, using the chat function. The officer advising the Chair will indicate whether the proposals are carried.

If a more formal vote is needed, this will be by roll call – where each Councillor will be asked in turn (alphabetically) how s/he wishes to vote

At County Council and Planning Committee meetings speaker's times are limited. A bell will be sounded to alert that the speaker has one minute remaining

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

9 February 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the SACRE Agreed Syllabus Conference held virtually on the 9 February 2022

IN ATTENDANCE:

Elected Members:

Cllr Chris Bithell (CB); Cllr Janet Axworthy (JA); Cllr Adele Davies-Cooke; Cllr Marion Bateman and Cllr Paul Cunningham

Church in Wales Representatives (St Asaph Diocese)

Jennie Downes (JD); Marina Parsons (MP), Ysgol Trelawynd VA School

Roman Catholic Representatives - John Morgan, St. Anthony RC school

Secondary school representatives Catherine McCormack (CM), Headteacher St Richard Gwyn RC High School, Flint; Lyn Oakes

Primary teacher representatives Amira Mattir (AM) Westwood CP School, Buckley,

Primary headteachers Federation Simon Piercy

Special School representative – Julian Lewis, Ysgol Pen Coch

Presbyterian Church of Wales Rev Huw Powell Davies

Deeside VI College - Rob Hughes

Education Representatives

Vicky Barlow (VB), Senior Manager School Improvement; Jane Borthwick, Senior Learning Adviser

Also in attendance- Kim Brookes, Senior Manager, Education & Youth (Clerk); Nicola Gittins (NG) Democratic Services Clerk

NG confirmed meeting being recorded. CM welcomed colleagues to the meeting.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR CONFERENCE

Clerk invited expressions of interest for appointment of Chair/Vice Chair to the Conference. Cllrs PC and JA nominated CM. Accepted

Cllrs CB and PC nominated Cllr MB as Vice Chair. Accepted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared but noted those elected members who are school governors.

3. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES

CM welcomed colleagues to the Conference to review and agree the local RVE Syllabus.

No apologies received.

4. CURRICULUM 2022 AND RELIGION, VALUE AND ETHICS GUIDANCE DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE (26TH FEBRUARY 2020)

Cllr CB stated the new Standing Advisory Council (SAC) must be reflective of the religious and philosophical makeup of the area and can we be sure we are representative. CM proposed, and agreed, that the current Census is used to inform what will be appropriate representatives. The meeting noted that a response was awaited to an invitation to join from the Humanist Society.

VB advised that the Conference can make recommendations to the SAC as to future representatives from September but noted no requests to join had been received to date.

Action: Conference to consider recommendations.

5. REVIEW OF THE LOCALLY AGREED SYLLABUS – A SUGGESTED WAY FORWARD

VB proposed the following recommendations:

That a working group be established to consider and work in principle to adopt the RVE statutory guidance with meetings scheduled for 17 February and 3 March;

That the working group consider the questions provided in the guidance and make their recommendation to adopt the RVE guidance back to full Conference meeting on the 17 March;

VB confirmed that supply cover is available to those school representatives who can attend the workshops.

Action: members to confirm to VB their availability to attend.

The Conference agreed to the recommendations.

Action; NG to invite all SACRE members to the closing Conference meeting on the 17 March

Meeting closed 17.00

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