



Title: **Agreed Syllabus Review**

This report relates to the review of the Devon and Torbay Agreed Syllabus for RE, due to be implemented in 2024

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1. Key points and Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update SACRE members on the progress of the review of the Devon and Torbay Agreed Syllabus.
- 1.2 The new syllabus will be introduced for teaching from Sept 2024
- 1.3 Syllabus launch events are planned to take place across Devon, Torbay and Plymouth on Mon 17th, Tues 18th, Wed 19th June 2024, led by syllabus-writers Fiona Moss and Stephen Pett (RE Today).
- 1.4 Following a number of surveys and focus group sessions a consensus has been arrived at around how the Agreed Syllabus needs to be updated. This has been worked with in consultation with Stephen Pett, from RE Today, and these changes are currently being enacted. They include the following:
Key features of the reviewed syllabus:
 - Minimal shift from current syllabus which is perceived to be working well
 - Syllabus to give more clarity about a worldviews approach to RE
 - Units to embody more diversity within and across worldviews
 - Units to reflect the local 'lived experience' of people's religious and non-religious worldviews
 - More 'lesson-ready' resources
 - More specific input on Humanism and non-religious worldviews
- 1.5 The cost of the new syllabus will be in the region of £35 per school (yet to be fully agreed). SACRE requests that the Local Authority commits to pay for the syllabus for every school in Devon (including academies). The aim will be for this investment to be recouped through the launch events.

1.6 There will need to be ongoing training for teachers as a follow-up to the introduction of this new syllabus, partly via the LTLRE conference and hub meetings.

2 Devon SACRE syllabus costings

Outgoings:

		£
Syllabus costs (£35/school)	£35 x 360	12,600
Launch conference RE Today consultants	2 x £2,000	1,500
Conference venue fee (£30/delegate)	£30 x 200 delegates	6,000
	Total	20,100

Income:

200 teachers paying £100 conference delegate fee = **£20,000**

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