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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 2020 AT 4.30 PM**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM, FLOOR 3 OF GUILDHALL**

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### **Membership**

Group A - Christian denominations and other religions and their denominations reflecting the principal religious traditions of the area

Group B - Representatives of the Church of England

Group C - Teacher representatives

Group D - Representatives of the Local Authority

(Full Membership is located on Portsmouth City Council's website)

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(NB This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the minutes of this meeting.)

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## **AGENDA**

### **1 Election of Chair followed by Welcome and Introductions**

To elect a Chair for this meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference.

This will be followed by welcome and introductions.

Note: Whilst the membership of the Agreed Syllabus Conference is the same as for Portsmouth Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education, this is a separate statutory body.

### **2 Apologies for Absence**

To receive and note any apologies for absence.

### 3 Declaration of Members' Interests

Members are asked to identify any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on any matters on the agenda.

Note: Should any indication of an interest arise during the meeting, members are asked to declare at that time, as soon as is practicable

### 4 Minutes of the Previous meeting held on - 6 October 2016 (Pages 5 - 6)

**RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the previous Agreed Syllabus Conference held on 6 October 2016 be agreed as a correct record.**

### 5 Deputations from the public

To receive any deputations from the public if requests have been received.

### 6 Revision of the Portsmouth Agreed Syllabus: Living Difference III

Every five years each Local Authority is required to review its agreed syllabus for religious education.

This item will be presented by Patricia Hannam, Professional Adviser to SACRE.

Members will have received separately correspondence from Somerset County Council regarding the new Somerset Religious Education Syllabus, which is available to view at <https://www.amvsomerset.org.uk/>

The previously approved, Living Difference III syllabus (jointly with Hampshire Southampton and the Isle of Wight in December 2016) can be viewed here: <https://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/documents/s13508/06.1%20Living%20Difference%20III%20-%20December%202016%20-%20web%20final.pdf>

**RECOMMENDED that the Agreed Syllabus Conference agrees to review Living Difference III together with Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight with whom Portsmouth shares an agreed syllabus.**

**Note:** This is subject to a formal vote the protocol for this is:

- Each of the four groups of the Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) discuss within their own groups their joint vote on the revised syllabus.
- Each group is entitled to 1 vote and according to non-statutory guidance, in order for the revised syllabus to be approved, all four groups must vote in favour.
- If the vote is not unanimous, the ASC must seek to arrive at a proposal which is acceptable to all four groups.
- If the situation remains unresolved, then the Secretary of State ultimately has the power to impose a syllabus on the authority.

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