



Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC)

The Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education (RE) must be reviewed by 2026. National developments into RE, which recommend a religion and worldviews approach, should be considered as part of this review. It is anticipated that a number of changes will be required.

Already, work is being undertaken to draft out new materials which reflect the newly released National Statement of Entitlement. For further reading see below:

[National content standard for Religious education IN England \(religioueducationcouncil.org.uk\)](https://religioueducationcouncil.org.uk)

[Welcome to a Religion and Worldviews Approach – REC \(religioueducationcouncil.org.uk\)](https://religioueducationcouncil.org.uk)

An Agreed Syllabus Conference should have membership that reflects the current SACRE committee structure. There can be no co-opted members however membership can reflect the sponsor not the person.

The LA officer suggests that the ASC should meet twice/ year to review curriculum materials that are being written by the LA Officer and Associate Consultants. Although advice will be provided by the LA and other experts, volunteers must be able to engage with the level of discussion required and have some understanding of curriculum structure and content.

In other authorities, the ASC often just meets once to agree the syllabus that is being recommended by the LA. However, as Lancashire's RE syllabus is bespoke and independently written, it is suggested that more involvement is required. Consultation with different faith representatives and some trialling by teachers is also recommended.

Meetings are in public and clerked (although press exclusion is allowed if appropriate).

The ASC will consider and approve the final version of the syllabus prior to approval being granted by the full council. Please note that the syllabus is not the SACREs syllabus but belongs to the LA. Although the syllabus is shared with the SACRE, decision making rests with the ASC.

It is anticipated that the first meeting of the ASC will meet in September so it will be important to agree membership at the July SACRE meeting.

For further information about ASCs in general please see the attached PowerPoint from NASACRE.

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