

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

At a meeting of the **AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE** held on **THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 2023** at 7.10 pm in Committee Room 3, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE

MEMBERS PRESENT

PANEL A

Ann Boater (Quaker) (via MS Teams)
Abdul Quadir (Muslim) (via MS Teams)

PANEL B

Mary Thorne
Natasha Beckles (via MS Teams)

PANEL C

Sarah Richardson (via MS Teams)
Rose O'Brien (via MS Teams)
Emily Knowles (via MS Teams)

PANEL D

Judy Dixey
Julian Fulbrook (via MS Teams)

ALSO PRESENT

Claire Clinton (for Items 1 to 6)	Professional Advisor to SACRE
Owen Rees Vinothan Sangarapillai	Head of Governor Services, Camden Learning Committee Services

The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting. They are subject to approval and signature at the next meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference and any corrections approved at that meeting will be recorded in those minutes.

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Lynndy Levin, Sophie Fegan, Felicity Djerehe, Stephanie Ellner, Rev Damian Mason, Councillor Izzy Lenga, Councillor Sylvia McNamara, Councillor Jenny Mulholland, and Councillor Jenny Headlam-Wells.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Broadcasting of meeting

The Chair announced: "In addition to the rights by law that the public and press have to record this meeting, this meeting is being recorded and broadcast live by the Council to the Internet and can be viewed on our website for six months after the meeting. After that time, recordings are archived and can be made available upon request.

If you address the meeting, you are deemed to consent to having your contributions recorded and broadcast, including video when switched on, and to the use of those sound recordings and images for webcasting and/or training purposes."

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

The Professional Advisor, Claire Clinton, declared that she was employed by Newham. She thus withdrew from the meeting for Item 7, when a decision was being made on whether to adopt the Newham syllabus.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2023.

RESOLVED –

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

5. RESULTS OF SCHOOL SURVEY

Consideration was given to the results of the school survey.

It was noted that there had been a relatively small number (6) of responses. From the responses, there were mixed views about the current agreed syllabus. One respondent felt that it was not suited to Key Stage 3. There was also a view that it was too "skill-based" and not "knowledge-based" enough.

RESOLVED –

THAT the results of the survey be noted.

6. PRESENTATION ABOUT NEWHAM AGREED SYLLABUS

The Professional Advisor delivered a presentation on the Newham agreed syllabus.

The key points in the presentation were:

- The syllabus was inclusive and provided information about a wide range of religions and beliefs in the borough.
- There were 80+ individual schemes of work which covered all age groups from early years to Key Stage 3.
- The syllabus covered philosophy and ethics questions.

RESOLVED –

THAT the presentation be noted.

7. AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE DECISION

Members discussed whether to recommend adoption of the Newham syllabus, renew the Hampshire one or whether to postpone the decision.

Although the view was expressed that delaying the decision could mean that more responses could be received from the school survey, the majority of members agreed that they had enough information to make a decision.

The meeting agreed to recommend adoption of the Newham syllabus as they felt that it was better suited for a diverse borough such as Camden and provided more material for teachers at Key Stage 3. One teacher noted that one disadvantage of the switch was that some of the preparatory work teachers had undertaken based on the material in the Hampshire syllabus would have to be re-done.

Under the commission from Camden Council, the procurement of the preferred agreed syllabus would be undertaken by Camden Learning Ltd.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Agreed Syllabus Conference recommend adoption of the Newham syllabus.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no other business.

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The meeting ended at 7.40pm

CHAIR

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MINUTES END