

London Borough of Bromley

PART 1 - PUBLIC

**Briefing for Standing Advisory Committee
for Religious Education (SACRE)
6th November 2013**

Report on the New Agreed Syllabus 2013

Contact Officer: Penny Orr-Smith, Religious Education Adviser
020 8653 8606 E-mail: penny.smith-orr@bromley.gov.uk

Chief Officer: Terry Parkin, Executive Director, Education, Care and Health Services
Tel: 020 8313 4060 E-mail: terry.parkin@bromley.gov.uk

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of the Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education on the progress of the Bromley New Agreed Syllabus 2013.

2. THE BRIEFING

2.1 The New Agreed syllabus 2013 was sanctioned by the SACRE committee at the meeting in May 2013. The process was held up due to a change in the agreement to fund the design and production of a CD. This was resolved in September as a result of the actions of the Committee members.

2.2 The designer and RE Consultant have worked together with the council to produce a branded document that Bromley SACRE can be proud to deliver.

2.3 The Bromley New Agreed Syllabus 2013 is currently being made into a CD to be given to all schools and will be launched at an event at the Civic centre in Bromley on 20th November 2013 to which all members of the SACRE committee are invited as well as representatives from all the schools and Academies in Bromley.

2.4 The law states that Academies are able to choose which agreed syllabus to use while maintained schools must use the locally agreed syllabus. It is hoped that the Academies in Bromley will choose to use the new Bromley agreed syllabus which teaches all the main religions and also has a thematic unit for each year group.

2.5 Also included are a number of explanatory pages, a section on assessment, a section on the Early Years Foundation stage and a number of pages of resources and suitable websites for teachers to use.

2.6 At the launch there will be a speaker from a national RE organisation and the Mayor of Bromley will also be attending. It has been requested by teachers that there will be an opportunity to look at and purchase some resources at the event. The RE Consultant is trying to arrange for this.