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Dear Mr Adams,

As you will be aware the Education Act 1993 requires the Local Authority (LA) to institute a review of its locally agreed religious education syllabus every five years. The Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus was last reviewed and issued to schools in 2009, meaning that the next review falls in 2014.

The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE), at their meeting of 13 November 2013, agreed to raise the need for a review with you, seeking your approval to set up an Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) to undertake the review.

An ASC is a separate entity to the SACRE but has the same committee structure and can be made up of the SACRE members, although there is no provision for co-opted members.

The Staffordshire SACRE are aware of a number of current issues that will have an influence on the Review, including the recent publication of the National Non-Statutory Framework for RE.

On behalf of the SACRE I would be grateful if you would confirm whether you wish them to convene an ASC to undertake the required review.

Yours sincerely,