

## **MINUTES OF HARINGEY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) 29 September 2005**

### **Group A: Christian Denominations and other Faiths represented in Haringey:**

Vacancy (Salvation Army FCFC), Ms S Berkery-Smith (Diocese of Westminster (RC), Mr M. Ibrahim (Muslim Educational Trust), Mr Alli (North London Islamic Cultural Society), Rabbi D Lister (Board of Deputies of British Jews), Mr Barnabus Mishi (Greek Orthodox), Ms B Parsons (Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's), Vacancy (North London Buddhist Centre), Mr K Ranganathan (Hindu (Shiva) Temple Trust), Jenny Stonhold (United Reformed Church), Rev R Allaway (Baptist Churches), Vacancy (Quaker), Ms M Huntley (Methodist) Vacancy (Seventh Day Adventists), Peter Adeniyi (Pentecostal Churches).

### **Group B: Church of England:**

Vacancy, Mrs J Jamieson, Mr G Mariner, Revd Canon A Dangerfield, Miss C Goymer, Revd Dr Jonathan Trigg.

### **Group C: Professional Associations:**

Ms N Parmar (NUT), Mr N Bradley (NUT), Ms J Arrowsmith (NUT), Aurelie Bivigou (NUT), Mr A Yarrow (SHA), Brumi Otobushin (NASUWT), Vacancy (NAHT).

### **Group D: Local Education Authority Group:**

Cllr Haley, Cllr Aitken, Jennifer James, Livinius Emmanuel Onyearugbulem.

### **Co-opted Non-Voting Members:**

Mr N Bacrac (British Humanist Association), Mr P Dighton (Jehovah's Witness).

Also Present: Denise Chaplin (R.E. Consultant)

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from: Cllr Aitken, Mrs Parsons, Mr Alli. Mr Haylock of the Salvation Army had tendered his resignation.

## **2. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF HARINGEY SACRE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2005/6.**

It was moved and seconded that Jenny Stonhold be appointed as Chair of SACRE for the Municipal Year 2005/06 with Nick Bradley as Deputy Chair. This was voted on and agreed unanimously.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 12 APRIL 2005 and notes of inquorate meeting on 30 June 2005**

The minutes of the above meetings were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**4. SUPPORTING SCHOOLS IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF FAITH COMMUNITIES IN HARINGEY SCHOOLS – A presentation by Leon Joseph, Equalities and Diversity Division, LB Haringey (report attached)**

Leon Joseph introduced this item which is currently live on the web site for one week for consultation by SACRE members. SACRE members were invited to comment on its content and feedback to Leon or Denise Chaplin by Thursday 6 October. Members suggested that a link to the SACRE website would be useful. Leon asked if the newly appointed Chair of SACRE would write a forward for the Faith Communities site.

Leon also spoke briefly about the forthcoming Holocaust Memorial Day; which is due to take place in January 2005. A range of activities are planned but at this stage these have not been confirmed. As the Holocaust Memorial Day falls on a Friday it was planned to hold evening meetings in the week leading up to the event so that the Jewish community can participate (dates to be confirmed). The working group has met twice and two SACRE representatives (Denise Chaplin and Nick Bradley) were actively involved in this. The national theme for this year is 'One Person can make a Difference'. Leon agreed to update members at the next meeting (15 December).

**6 PRESENTATION ON PRAY HARINGEY**

Mr Brendan Munroe presented this item and outlined the work of Pray Haringey in their role as strategic community planners. Members were also advised of a Christian Directory, which will be launched at their Convention on 1 October at the Salvation Army Headquarters in Wood Green. Members were also advised of the new 40 day Prayer Booklet; sponsored by the Peace Alliance. There was a brief discussion about Pray Haringey's role in community issues and their active links with the Police, Teachers and Council and their work in mobilising and motivating Churches; irrespective of their denomination.

**7. FINALISING THE DRAFT SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2005/06 – Denise Chaplin, RE Adviser to SACRE**

Members noted that the development plan had been active since April. The last meeting had been inquorate and therefore a formal decision to adopt it could not be taken although members of SACRE present at the meeting had been in favour of doing so.

As a response to the section on representation, it was agreed that the Clerk to SACRE would chase the outstanding vacancies. The Annual report is another action on the plan and the Clerk to SACRE will write to all members advising them of the importance of attending the December meeting as the Annual report had to be agreed ready for despatch to QCA at the end of the Autumn term.

Links with national bodies also feature in the Development plan. Denise advised members of two forthcoming conferences; NASACRE on 6 December in Bristol (about SACRE self evaluation and subject self-evaluation) and the NASACRE AGM on 4 May 2006 (a keynote speaker from QCA was expected to address this).

The RE adviser to SACRE recommended that an item on the Self Evaluation Tool and monitoring should be on the agenda for the next meeting on 15 December.

**8. DEVELOPING AN INDUCTION PROCESS FOR NEW SACRE MEMBERS – Denise Chaplin, RE Adviser to SACRE**

It was agreed that Denise and the Clerk to SACRE would meet to finalise the contents of this pack. It was suggested that the copies of the agreed syllabus be available for new and existing members and that future revisions of the syllabus be placed on CD-ROM. It was also agreed that new headteachers would be sent a copy of the agreed syllabus.

**9. REVIEW OF THE OFSTED REPORT ON NOEL PARK**

It was noted that this was generally a good report. The Leadership of the Head Teacher and her role in promoting a sense of unity, spiritual and moral development was highly commended. The newly elected chair of SACRE will write to the Head Teacher offering congratulations.

**10. REVIEW OF AGREED SYLLABUS (Non Statutory National Framework)**

Another item related to the SACRE self-evaluation process is monitoring the Agreed Syllabus. SACRE's is required to monitor the

impact of the agreed syllabus. The outcomes of this monitoring will inform any changes. Denise Chaplin circulated a draft questionnaire for schools, for members to consider and agree. The outcome of this questionnaire will support planning for the revision of the Agreed Syllabus, which is due to start in the next financial year. A budget and workplan will need to be planned to revise the syllabus. The content of the questionnaire was agreed.

Denise Chaplin and Jennifer James agreed to meet to discuss the workplan and the financial implications.

### **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Dates of future meetings:

15 December 2005:

- SACRE Self Evaluation tool
- Annual Report (for Submission to QCA)
- Update on the PCFRE Conference
- Update on Holocaust Memorial Day

23 March 2006:

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Signed

CHAIR OF SACRE

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