

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -
25 SEPTEMBER 2003**

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

Mr B. Haylock (Salvation Army FCFC), Ms S. Berkery-Smith (Diocese of Westminster (RC)), Mr M. Usamah (Muslim Educational Trust), *Mrs A. Kennard (Board of Deputies of British Jews), *Mr M. Ibrahim (Muslim Educational Trust), Ms O. Thoma (Greek Orthodox), *Ms B. Parsons (Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's), Dharmachari Kulamitra (North London Buddhist Centre) *Mr K. Ranganathan (Hindu (Shiva) Temple Trust), Miss A. Campbell (United Reformed Church) and *Rev. R. Allaway (Baptist Church).

Group B: Church of England:

Mr E. Griffith, *Mrs J. Jamieson, Ms C. Goymer, *Mr J. Seabrook and Mr A Johnston.

Group C: Professional Associations:

*Ms N. Parmar (NUT), David Ferguson (NUT), Mr C. Cahill (SHA), *Mr N. Bradley (HTA) *Ms J. Arrowsmith (NUT) and two vacancies

Group D: Local Education Authority Group:

*Councillor Fabian, Councillor Haley, Mr J. Baaden, Mr B. Oakley and one vacancy

Co-opted Non-Voting Member:

Mr N. Bacrac (British Humanist Association)

*Members present

Also Present: Denise Chaplin (R.E. Consultant), Jenny Stonhold (LEA School Improvement Officer) and Nick Evans (Clerk to SACRE).

1. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR:

AGREED:

That Nic Bradley be appointed Deputy Chair for the Municipal Year 2003/04.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Ms Goymer, Mrs Berkery-Smith, Mr Haylock and Ms Thoma.

3. MINUTES:

AGREED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2003 be confirmed.

4. MEMBERSHIP

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SACRE noted that Councillor Fabian had been appointed Group D and that Rev. Bob Allaway had been nominated by the Baptist Church to join Group A. The resignations of Claire Goymer from Group B and David Ferguson from Group C were noted.

5. LEA UPDATE:

Jenny Stonhold advised that November 3 - 9 had been designated National Islam Awareness Week which would include a number of events which Jenny would be co-ordinating for schools.

SACRE noted that as part of the RE Project Gladesmore School would be pursuing closer links with the synagogue in Crowland Road.

6. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY:

SACRE noted that the Working Group responsible for planning the event would be meeting to commence planning for Holocaust Memorial Day 2004. The event was likely to be lower key than the previous two with attention being focussed on the ceremony to be held on 27 January. Jenny Stonhold and Nic Bradley were nominated to represent SACRE on the working party.

7. MONITORING STANDARDS - OFSTED REPORTS:

SACRE received the OFSTED reports on Religious Education in Primary schools of Muswell Hill, Noel Park and Seven Sisters. All three reports were felt to be encouraging with particular praise for Noel Park which displayed a "significant improvement since the last inspection". SACRE agreed to congratulate all three schools and highlight upcoming INSET which they would find useful in the further development of their provision for RE.

8. DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2003 - 04:

SACRE considered the draft development plan 2003-04. It was noted that the first draft of the SACRE newsletter was to be considered. Costings in relation to the delivery of the action plan as drafted would be incorporated into the next draft along with appropriate timescales for achievement. It was agreed that the plan needed to be firmed up and properly costed as it was important for the plan to have clearly measurable outcomes.

9. NEWSLETTER

SACRE considered the first the SACRE newsletter. A number of minor stylistic comments were made which would be incorporated into the final document. Useful suggestions include the provision of lesson plans for teachers, whether to have different stories or lessons for primary/secondary or to differentiate between the age groups by means of the supporting materials and references to useful resources and information.

10. DIRECTORY OF PLACES OF WORSHIP UPDATE:

SACRE noted that progress was slow but that information was coming in. The clerk received a number of details of places of worship at the meeting.

11. INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

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SACRE noted the further correspondence in relation to the proposal for a national framework/syllabus for religious education.

Naina Parmar advised that she would be hosting a workshop at the forthcoming St Gabriel's Trust weekend for teachers on methods of learning and would report back to SACRE at its next meeting.

EDDIE GRIFFITH
Chair

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OF DECEMBER 2003
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CHAIR N. Bradley