

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -
10 May 2004**

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), DharmachariKulamitra (North London Buddhist Centre) *Mr K. Ranganathan (Hindu (Shiva) Temple Trust), Miss A. Campbell (United Reformed Church) and *Rev. R. Allaway (Baptist Churches).

Group B: Church of England:

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

Group C: Professional Associations:

Ms N. Parmar (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), *Su Shaw (LEA Inclusion Strategy Manager), *Jenny Stonhold (LEA School Improvement Officer) and *Roy Wade (Representative Services Management)

I. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Ms Berkery-Smith, Naina Parmar and Councillor Haley.

2. MINUTES:

AGREED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2004 be confirmed subject to an amendment to Minute 5 that SACRE should not be spelt Sacre and to 2 representatives that two representatives could be appointed to the Working Group.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

- 1) Denise reported that she had received an e-mail from the former clerk to SACRE, Nick Evans, wishing the Committee continued success to the work being undertaken by SACRE.
- 2) Denise reminded Members that the next meeting would be held at 6.30 p.m. on 14 July 2004 and that it would be held at the Hindu Temple in Archway Road.

4. QCA: A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Denise reported upon

- 1) A National Framework for Religious Education
- 2) Religious Education - Consultation Booklet, and
- 3) A Non-Statutory Framework for Religious Education and the reports and documents circulated with the agenda.

Members were reminded that SACRE would be represented at an "QCA Consultation and Open Day" and that documents circulated to Members had been posted onto the QCA web site. Denise highlighted certain weaknesses within the documents especially in respect of setting out clearly the aims of religious education having regard to the provisions of The Education Act 1944. There followed a discussion on the training of teachers of religious education, the inability to judge children against established standards in view of the lack of guidance within the QCA submissions and the lack of guidance to show the way forward to achieve religious educational standards. Denise made reference to the need to balance the needs of the National Curriculum against the desirability of giving greater flexibility and influence to individual SACRE's

Finally Denise highlighted the need for as many Members as possible to complete the various QCA consultation forms and it was agreed that the forms would be re-circulated to Members for completion and return to Jenny Stonhold

Time concluded: 8.45p.m.

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CHAIR

Eddie [Signature]