

# **MINUTES OF HARINGEY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 12 April 2005**

## **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. Ibrahim (Muslim Educational Trust), \*Mr Alli (North London Islamic Cultural Society), Rabbi D Lister (Board of Deputies of British Jews), Ms O. Thoma (Greek Orthodox), \*Ms B. Parsons (Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's), Vacancy (North London Buddhist Centre), \*Mr K. Ranganathan (Hindu (Shiva) Temple Trust), Vacancy (United Reformed Church), \*Rev. R. Allaway (Baptist Churches), Ms Rosemary Dinnage (Quaker), Ms M Huntley (Methodist Vacancy (Seventh Day Adventists), Peter Adeniyi (Pentecostal Churches)

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

\*Mr E. Griffith, Mrs J. Jamieson, Mr G Mariner, two vacancies

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

\*Ms N. Parmar (NUT), \*Mr N. Bradley (HTA) \*Ms J. Arrowsmith (NUT) Ms J Stonhold (NUT), Mr A Yarrow (SHA) and two vacancies (NASUWT) and (NAHT).

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

\*Cllr Haley, Cllr Aitken, Rabbi J. Baaden, \*Jennifer James, Livinius Emmanuel Onyearugbulem, \*D A lister

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

\*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:

Jonathan Trigg  
Mrs Berkery-Smith  
Aurelie Bivigou  
Barnabas Mishi

## **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 31 JANUARY 2005**

Agreed with the following amendments and matters arising:

### 3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- Dan Warner gave a presentation at the meeting in December, not January
- Mr Alli asked for his organisation to be referred to as the London Islamic Cultural Society, not Trust. The Cultural Diversity book would not be issued
- The meeting of 30 June would now take place at Fortismere School.

### 4. **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

The Clerk advised members of SACRE that Ms Olympia Thoma of the Greek Orthodox Faith had resigned and been replaced by Mr Barnabas Mishi; Mr Mishi had sent apologies for this meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Ms Thoma thanking her for her work as a long serving member of Haringey SACRE.

### 5. **PRESENTATION FROM THE PEACE ALLIANCE**

Mr Mohamed-Abdul Khaled addressed SACRE and outlined the work of the Peace Alliance, with particular reference to their current project on gun crime and their work with young people and schools. It was noted that all Peace Alliance representatives who work with young people are subject to CRB checks.

Mr Khaled also asked if a member of SACRE could be a representative at the Peace Alliance Steering Groups. The next meeting would take place on 23 April at Spurs Football Ground; this was noted by Denise Chaplin.

He tabled a series of leaflets outlining their forthcoming programme of events as set out below:

YOUNG PEOPLE AND PARENTS' FORUM	1pm, Sat 23 April 2005
THEMATIC GROUP MEETING	20 April 05 & 20 July 05
11-18 September 2005	Haringey Peace Week

The Faith Forum held fortnightly planning meetings for Peace Week; the next meeting would take place on 24 April.

[khaled@peacealliance.org.uk](mailto:khaled@peacealliance.org.uk)

**6. MONITORING STANDARDS – Ofsted Report on Gladesmore Community School.**

Members noted that overall this was an exceptionally good report. However despite praise being given for improvements in RE in Key Stage 3 it was apparent that the department was not being allocated sufficient curriculum time or staffing to enable the school to meet statutory requirements and the management of the school need to consider how they can move forward on this issue. The category of Leadership therefore, as set out in paragraph 99, was slightly weaker than the other areas and it was agreed that Denise Chaplin and Jennifer James would meet with the Leadership Team to discuss this further. Members discussed how the school's Leadership required a moral commitment both from the Team and young people and that schools should be prepared to take responsibility for this role in wider society. In particular, a tribute was paid to the exemplary skills of Gladesmore's Head Teacher.

**7. SACRE SELF REVIEW**

This item outlined a summary of the findings of the break-away groups from the last meeting on 31 January 2005. The exercise had highlighted those areas which were strong (some excellent) and those which were developing. It was noted that the agreed syllabus is subject to review after 5 years. It was suggested that, prior to the syllabus revision, it would be useful for RE teachers to either meet or exchange information via a questionnaire to monitor the impact and use of the existing syllabus.

**8 a) SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004/5 – MONITORING REPORT**

This item set out the programme of recent meetings and agenda items discussed, what had been achieved so far, priorities and next steps.

**8 b) SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2005/6**

Members were asked to retire for 10 minutes to consider items 8a and 8b, in order to approve item 9. They were also invited to relate any further comments after the meeting to Denise Chaplin, Jennifer James or Julie Harris.

**9 DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2005-06**

It was agreed that this item would be finalised for the next meeting on 30 June when it would be considered further. It was also agreed to bring an item on Collective Worship to the next meeting of SACRE.

**10. REVIEW OF THE AGREED SYLLABUS ASSESSMENT ADVICE IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEW NON-STATUTORY FRAMEWORK FOR RE.**

It was agreed that this item be approved and forwarded to schools in order for them to update their guidance.

Mr Bacrac (Co-opted member of the British Humanist Association) raised several issues about the National non-statutory Framework. Denise Chaplin thanked him for his comments and advised that these concerns could be explored further when the syllabus was reviewed.

**11. LEA ADVICE ON CATERING FOR THE NEEDS OF PUPILS AND STAFF**

SACRE members were advised that this project had been developed by Leon Joseph, the Equalities Officer who had previously addressed SACRE about his work on the Holocaust Memorial Day. It was noted that this document was at a very early draft stage and further comments should be forwarded to Denise by the end of April. Specific reference was made to the fact that, for the Jewish Faith, the Sabbath commenced on Friday afternoons in winter and therefore encroached onto school time. Denise Chaplin advised that this item should be with schools by September to ensure that good practice would be in place by Christmas.

A discussion followed with 3 observers from the public about the value of RE teaching in promoting understanding of the wider perspective of faith groups and not just for nurturing a particular religion, which was felt to be the role of families and faith groups. The observers had particularly strong views about Sex Education in schools and the issue of abortion advice being given to young women without the parents' knowledge. The Chair welcomed the debate and comments from the observers and they were invited to join SACRE as a representative of their faith group.

**12. DATA FROM EXAM RESULTS**

Members received a tabled item setting out this data.

**13. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

- Mr Nic Bradley had resigned his co-opted position on the Children's Fund Steering Group and Mr Andrew Yarrow volunteered to replace him.

- Denise Chaplin tabled some flyers for a forthcoming course on teaching RE to gifted children. Members were advised to mention on the application form that they had received the flyer from a Member of the RE Association in order to receive a discount.

#### 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

30 June 2005

Dates of future meetings

29 September 2005 (possibly at Fortismere School)  
15 December 2005  
23 March 2006

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Signed

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