

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 12 DECEMBER 2002**

**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) and \*Miss A. Campbell (United Reformed 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 Bloch, \*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 Education Effectiveness), Andy Downing (LEA - Head of Monitoring, Support & Challenge) and Nick Evans (Clerk to SACRE).

**1. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR:**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mrs Berkery-Smith, Mr Ranganathan, Mr Johnston, Mr Griffith, Mr Ferguson, Ms Parmar Mr Cahill, Mr Bradley and Rabbi Baaden.

**3. MINUTES:**

**AGREED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2002 and the notes of the inquorate meeting held on 7 October 2002 be confirmed.

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**4. MEMBERSHIP:**

**AGREED:**

To confirm the appointments of the Ms J Arrowsmith of the NUT to Group C Professional Associations Group, Mrs J Jamieson and Mr A Johnston to Group B Church of England Group and Councillor Bloch to Group D the Local Education Authority Group.

**5. FINAL DRAFT OF ANNUAL REPORT 2001-02:**

**AGREED:**

That the final draft of Haringey SACRE's Annual Report for 2001-02 be approved for submission to the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority.

**6. TARGETING THE GCSE D/C BOUNDARY IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

SACRE considered the guidance prepared by the Consultant in respect of targeting the GCSE D/C boundary in Religious Education to assist those pupils, who might otherwise just miss a C, in attaining a C grade.

**AGREED:**

That the Guidance on Targeting the GCSE D/C Boundary in Religious Education be circulated to Secondary Schools in the Borough.

**7. QCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**

SACRE were interested to receive a briefing from Denise Chaplin the RE Consultant, and Breda Parsons SACRE member on the conference they had attended, the theme of which had been "Better RE Communities".

**8. LEA UPDATE:**

SACRE welcomed Jenny Stonhold to her first meeting and noted that she would be the link with the LEA. In relation to the budget it was noted that the publication of the Agreed Syllabus had cost in excess of £17,000 and that adequate budgetary provision would be made for 2002/03. Other work eg. provision of courses/training would be going on but be funded independently of the SACRE budget.

**9. MONITORING STANDARDS - OFSTED REPORTS:**

SACRE considered the commentary produced by the Consultant on the OFSTED inspection reports of Alexandra Primary, Devonshire Hill Primary and Hornsey School for Girls. Having considered the reports it was suggested that Alexandra Primary be invited to participate in the ReaSE Project focussing on schools and their communities which were planned.

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**10. INFORMATION EXCHANGE:**

SACRE received the Golden Jubilee Young Peoples Faith Forum Summary Report, a list of forthcoming Keswick Hall RE Centre Events and the Primary Assembly Collection. Members also considered the guidance issued by the DfES in relation to the disapplication of the national curriculum at KS4 and noted that schools could not opt out delivering RE.

It was agreed that a questionnaire be circulated to RE departments in the Borough seeking information on whether their RE teachers were specialists, general information as to the nature of the RE courses being followed by their pupils and whether they required support from the LEA or SACRE in delivering RE.

**EDDIE GRIFFITH**  
Chair

