

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2007**

Group A: Christian Denominations & other Faiths represented in Haringey

*Ms Jenny Stonhold (Chair)	United Reformed Church
*Rev Robert Allaway	Baptist Churches
Ms Sara Joy Leviten	Board of Deputies of British Jews
Ms Soteroulla Nicolaidis	Greek Orthodox Church
*Mr K Ranganathan	Hindu (Shiva) Temple Trust
Vacancy	Methodist Churches
Mr Mohamed Ibrahim	Muslim Educational Trust
Vacancy	North London Buddhist Centre
Mr Abdool Alli	North London Islamic Cultural Society
*Mr Andie Frost	Peace Alliance
Mr Lano Akiwumi	Pentecostal Churches (Freedom's Ark)
Mr Nigel Kielczewski	Quakers (Society of Friends)
*Mr Peter Ward	RC Diocese of Westminster
Major David Taylor	Salvation Army FCFC
Ms Breda Parsons	Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's
*Ms Dora-Marie Goulet	The Mennonites

Group B: Church of England:

*Mr Eddie Griffith
Mrs J Jamieson
Mr Graham Marriner
*Mr Albert Ryder
Revd Dr Jonathan Trigg,
Mr John Shannon

Group C: Professional Associations:

Ms Aurelie Bivigou (NUT),
*Mr Glenford Johnson (NUT),
*Ms Naina Parmar (NUT),
Vacancy (NUT),
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*Mr Andy Yarrow (ASCL) (Vice-Chair)
*Ms Susan Kambalu (NAS/UWT)

Group D: Local Education Authority Group:

Cllr Carolyn Baker
*Cllr Emma Jones
Cllr Sheila Rainger
Vacancy ~ Councillor
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*Ms Barbara Breed
Mr Livinius E Onyearugbulem

Co-opted Non-Voting Members:

*Mr Norman Bacrac	British Humanist Association
Mr Tony Hall	Jehovah's Witness

* Members present

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MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
SACRE12.	<p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>The Chair commenced the meeting by thanking Susan Kambalu for allowing and arranging the SACRE meeting to be held at St Thomas More RC School.</p> <p>The Chair also agreed to vary the agenda to take item 10 after item 5 and to consider a further item, The Humanist Unit after item 4.</p>	
SACRE13.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Group A: Sara Joy Leviten, Abdool Alli and Lano Akiwumi Group B: John Shannon Group D: Cllr Sheila Rainger</p> <p>Apologies for lateness were received from:</p> <p>Group A: K Ranganathan Group B: Eddie Griffith Group C: Andy Yarrow Group D: Cllr Emma Jones</p> <p>The committee was informed that Mr Horatio Ward had moved out of the area and therefore had resigned as a member of the SACRE.</p>	
SACRE14.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>None received.</p>	
SACRE15.	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>Matters arising:</u></p> <p>SACRE 06</p> <p>Ms Parmar advised that the last sentence on page 3 should read “Ms Parmar offered to identify elements of some work she had been doing linked to the use of ICT and teaching about places of worship/vector programme.”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2007 were approved subject to the above amendment.</p>	

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<p>SACRE16.</p>	<p>LAUNCH OF THE AGREED SYLLABUS</p> <p>The Chair tabled a draft outline schedule of events to take place at the launch of the Haringey RE Agreed Syllabus on 25 September 2007 at 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Professional Development Centre. Ms Stonhold also confirmed that the Hornsey Gospel Choir would be singing and that she had spoken with Brother Alli who would be arranging a reader for the Quran in Arabic and English.</p> <p>The Committee was informed that John Keast, Deputy Chair of the RE Council and Sharon Shoesmith, Director of Children and Young People’s Service in Haringey would both be in attendance. The Chair requested members to inform Ms Breed if they were to attend the launch and let her know the names of any other invited guests who would also be attending.</p> <p><u>Future Events & Training Sessions at the PDC</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Date</i></th> <th><i>Time</i></th> <th><i>Event</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tue 13 November</td> <td>12:00 to 5:00pm</td> <td>Resources Fair and Workshop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed 3 October</td> <td>1:30pm to 4:30pm</td> <td>Primary RE Syllabus</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed 6 February</td> <td>1:30pm to 4:30pm</td> <td>Secondary RE Syllabus</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 2008</td> <td>TBA</td> <td>Visit to the East London Mosque & Britain’s Museum of Immigration & Diversity.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It was agreed that the IT RE project in Hinduism be presented at the Resources Fair and Workshop on 13 November 2007, instead of at the launch of the New Agreed RE Syllabus.</p> <p>The Chair and Ms Chaplin both thanked Lisa and her team for all their hard work on the design of the disc for the New RE Syllabus.</p>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	Tue 13 November	12:00 to 5:00pm	Resources Fair and Workshop	Wed 3 October	1:30pm to 4:30pm	Primary RE Syllabus	Wed 6 February	1:30pm to 4:30pm	Secondary RE Syllabus	March 2008	TBA	Visit to the East London Mosque & Britain’s Museum of Immigration & Diversity.	
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<p>SACRE17.</p>	<p>HUMANISM UNIT</p> <p>The Committee considered the Unit and enquired whether members had any comments. It was noted that the unit was not in the same format as the other units within the New Haringey Agreed RE Syllabus.</p> <p>The Committee discussed in detail each of the sessions and their content and in principal accepted the document as a Unit however, agreed it required more work on it. The Committee agreed that a group of members should look at the Humanism Unit in detail.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>																

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	<p>That the Chair of SACRE identify a date on a Thursday after 3:00pm to meet with a small number of members to review the Humanism Unit.</p>	
<p>SACRE18.</p>	<p>SACRE & COUNCIL WEBSITES</p> <p>Ms Chaplin advised that she had had a meeting with Dan from Haringey ICT and they had looked at the RE websites and the links to the faith pages of the Haringey website. Though there had been considerable information about the different religions, the RE pages needed to be more dynamic. There was a requirement for the New Agreed Syllabus to be accessed, list places of worship and make links to the Haringey website on faith and RE.</p> <p>Ms Chaplin advised that Dan had completed some early work on this task and was in the process of loading the New Syllabus onto the Council's website but the system had crashed and work had subsequently been lost.</p> <p>Ms Chaplin went onto to demonstrate the new disc of the Haringey Agreed Syllabus for RE. It was noted that every section was developed with a divider page. Ms Chaplin explained the layout of the Syllabus and the Units on the disc. The Committee viewed the Haringey SACRE home page and Ms Chaplin further explained the links to the faiths which would take viewer to the Haringey website.</p> <p>Ms Breed thanked Ms Chaplin and Ms Stonhold on behalf of Haringey Children and Young People's Service for all the hard work undertaken to get the Haringey/SACRE website up and running.</p>	
<p>SACRE19.</p>	<p>RE AT ST THOMAS MORE RC SCHOOL</p> <p>The Committee viewed a video of students in an RE class and received a presentation from Ms Kambalu who gave an overview of RE at St Thomas More RC School.</p> <p>Ms Kambalu explained the areas each year group studied and students had been given an opportunity to go on retreat to the All Saints Pastoral Centre in Hertfordshire. The RE department raised awareness of charities and the Christian celebration of Lent. The school predominantly taught Catholicism, and did touch on other religions. The RE syllabus followed the church year.</p> <p>Ms Kambalu also informed the Committee that there were currently in the RE department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 members of staff • 5 class rooms • 10 periods a week of RE • 2 interactive white boards <p>The school did follow the key stage 3 national strategy.</p>	

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	<p>The Chair thanked Ms Kambalu for her presentation and invitation to the RE Department as it had given an insight into RE not only in a school but also the classroom.</p>	
SACRE20.	<p>NASACRE CHAIRS OF LONDON SACRES</p> <p>Ms Chaplin reported back from the meeting of the NASACRE Chairs of London SACREs meeting held recently. The aim of the conference was to bring together the Chairs of all London SACREs to network and work together. The meeting had discussed the following topics in workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The future of RE • The future of SACREs • What are the SWOTs • How can we lift RE <p>Interesting feedback from the discussion groups had been received. The main issues that came out of the workshops were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does SACRE monitor RE in schools. 2. There was no mechanism for getting information from schools. <p>It was recognised that the National Strategy for RE should be used nationally. However, it was noted that there was not national curriculum but a framework as each SACRE set its own Syllabus.</p>	
SACRE21.	<p>OFSTED REPORT ON RE.</p> <p>This item was not considered and deferred to a future meeting of SACRE.</p>	
SACRE22.	<p>PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF HARINGEY SACRE</p> <p>This item was not considered and deferred to a future meeting of SACRE.</p>	
SACRE23.	<p>MEMBERSHIP OF YOUNG PEOPLE ON SACRE</p> <p>The Committee considered whether they should invite young people as a group to come to a meeting of the SACRE to talk about their exam results or whether young people should also be appointed as SACRE members.</p> <p>Several suggestions were put forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A group could attend and discuss what they like about RE. ➤ The Chairs of School Councils could attend and talk about RE. ➤ Arrange focus groups to look at teaching and learning, challenges for students in the community around them. ➤ Is RE relevant today? 	

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	<p>Mr Yarrow informed the meeting he held a list of all school coordinators and would email this to the Chair and Ms Chaplin.</p> <p>The Chair and Ms Chaplin agreed to send a letter out to all secondary schools to invite them to attend a future meeting of the SACRE.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That a letter be sent to all secondary school coordinators to invite them to attend a future meeting of SACRE to discuss RE.</p>	
<p>SACRE24.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chair announced that she had received an email from Mr Ian Bailey, Deputy Director, Children and Young People's Service, Haringey Council regarding the funding of the Committee's Clerk. Mr Bailey had advised that Member Services would no longer be facilitating SACRE and SAF and that this was a budgetary matter. He had reassured the Chair that the Children and Young People's Service would continue to provide a clerk and venue for future meetings of SACRE. <p>The Chair and Ms Chaplin both expressed concern over this proposed change in service provision and raised concern that the level of service currently provided would not be maintained.</p> <p>Cllr Jones stated that she had not been made aware of this change in provision, expressed her concern at the proposal and would take the matter up with Mr Bailey to ascertain exactly what the future arrangements would be.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Chair requested all members to ensure they attended the December meeting of the Committee to consider Exam Results and the Annual Report. 	
<p>SACRE25.</p>	<p>DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS</p> <p>Thursday 6 December 2007 ~ Provisional date Tuesday 4 March 2008</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting ended at 9:30pm</p>	

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