

# **HSACRE**

**HILLINGDON STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2016 - 2017**

The current HSACRE was inaugurated on 22 February 1989 and this is its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Report in accordance with its constitution and statutory obligations.

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**1. FOREWORD BY THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES, CLLR. DAVID SIMMONDS CBE**



*It gives me great pleasure to introduce the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of Hillingdon's Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education [SACRE].*

*SACRE continues to play an active role in helping to ensure that teachers in the Borough have access to the training that they need to enable them to provide the best possible quality education to their pupils, and I am looking forward to the establishment of the RE Continuing Professional Development Training for teachers.*

*Other highlights during the year included SACRE's representation at the Hayes Carnival, helping schools encourage greater integration between communities, and promoting the observation of the national inter-faith week.*

*I would like to thank SACRE's members, and those who support it, for their hard work over the year. I encourage them to continue this as the Agreed Syllabus Conference, established by Hillingdon SACRE, considers potential updates to the Hillingdon Agreed Syllabus.*

## **2. MEMBERSHIP**

HSACRE members are from four distinct groups and the Committee is only quorate when representatives from every group are present:

**GROUP A** – Representatives of all faith groups in Hillingdon, including representatives from the Christian community, but not members of the Church of England. HSACRE works to ensure that along with representatives from all the major world faiths, it works with all communities within the Borough and welcomes their representation so long as they recognise the emphasis placed on inclusion by HSACRE.

**GROUP B** - Representatives from the Christian Church of England.

**GROUP C** - Representatives from each of the teachers' professional associations.

**GROUP D** - London Borough of Hillingdon Councillors.

A list of members of each committee is included as an appendix.

**Chairman** - Carole Jones, Headteacher, Yeading Junior School

**Advisor** - Duncan Struthers

**Clerk** – Jon Pitt (Democratic Services) served as clerk during 2016, with Luke Taylor (Democratic Services) taking over from November 2016 onwards.

## **3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

In 2015, the members of Hillingdon SACRE established an Agreed Syllabus Conference, which met throughout 2016 and 2017 to review the syllabus to ensure there was suitable coverage of Humanist and non-religious world views.

Members explored how to further strengthen the link between the Hillingdon SACRE and local schools to bring communities together in light of a presentation on the Prevent Counter Terrorism Strategy, considered the proposed constitution from NASACRE and began preparations for the upcoming RE Continuing Professional Development training.

Once again, HSACRE supported the Hillingdon Interfaith Network (HIfN) hosted Hayes Carnival, and encouraged schools to observe national inter-faith week.

I would like to thank all members of the Hillingdon SACRE for their contribution during the year and I look forward to working with them in future as HSACRE looks to hold meetings at faith venues across the Borough.

## **4. MEETINGS OF HSACRE IN 2016 - 17**

Full meetings of HSACRE were held on:

- 7 June 2016, Civic Centre
- 10 November 2016, Civic Centre
- 21 February 2017, Civic Centre

In addition to the full meetings of SACRE, Agreed Syllabus Conference meetings were held after every meeting.

## **5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

HSACRE had a budget available of £4,900 for the 2016/17 financial year. NASACRE fees were paid and Democratic Services continued to provide secretarial support.

## **6. ADVICE GIVEN TO THE AUTHORITY BY SACRE**

- i) Advice is given annually to the authority on Religious Education and Worship paragraphs in its information booklets for families entering a particular phase of education.

## **7. PUBLICATIONS AND EVENTS**

- Agreed Syllabus Conference met throughout the year to review the Hillingdon Agreed Syllabus.
- Presentation at the Hayes Carnival in a faith tent.
- Issued Ramadan Guidance to schools in the Borough.
- The HSACRE Advisor and a SACRE Member attended the NASACRE Annual Conference.

## **8. MONITORING AND REVIEW**

Comments on this report are welcomed. These should be sent to:

Democratic Services, Phase II, Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 1UW, or by emailing [democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk)

# APPENDIX – Members of HSACRE throughout 2016-17

## GROUP A

Bahai	Lil Osborn
Baptist	Gail Butler
British Humanist Association	Robert Harwood
Buddhist	Connie Dusek
Hillingdon Area Salvation Army	Heather Steady
Hindu	Umesh Sharma
Jewish	Vacant
Methodist	Angela Lount
Muslim	Amir Ahmed
	Naseem Bint Amir
	Jamal Pasha
	Richard Cawley
Quaker	Nicole Schnackenberg
Roman Catholic	Stephen Horsman
Sikh	Jasvir Singh Rayat
United Reform Church	Vacant

## GROUP B

Church of England	Father Desmond Banister
	Mary Coulthurst
	Melanie Dring
	Angela Flux
	Alison Rollin

## GROUP C

Association of Secondary School and College Leaders	Vacant
Association of Teachers and Lecturers	Vacant
National Association of Headteachers	Carole Jones
National Association of School Masters/Union of Women Teachers	Debby Mitchell
National Union of Teachers	Devinder Jagdev
	Anil Bhatt

## GROUP D

Local Authority	Councillor Keith Burrows Councillor Carol Melvin Councillor Peter Money Councillor John Morse Councillor June Nelson Councillor Susan O'Brien
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## OFFICER SUPPORT

London Borough of Hillingdon Committee Services	Democratic Services 3E/05 Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge Middlesex UB8 1UW
Consultant for Hillingdon SACRE	Duncan Struthers