

HILLINGDON STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AGREED CONSTITUTION

A) Aims and Purposes

In accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988 to:-

- (i) advise the Local Education Authority on matters connected with Religious Education;
- (ii) keep under review the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education:
- (iii) advise upon the daily act of collective worship and to consider requests for a waiver of the statutory arrangements according to the needs of the children.

B) Membership

The Hillingdon Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education Membership shall be as follows:-

Group A - Christian and other denominations (faiths) which will appropriately reflect the religious traditions of the area (one representative each).

Baptist
British Humanist Association
Community Relations Council (Observer)
Hindu
Jewish
Methodist
Muslim
Quaker
Roman Catholic
Salvation Army
Sikh
United Reform Church

Group B - Church of England (six representatives)

Group C - Teachers' Associations (one representative each)

National Union of Teachers
AMMA
NAS/UWT
PAT
National Association of Head Teachers

Group D - Local Education Authority

5 Members of the Education Committee with Advisers and Officers in attendance

The Standing Advisory Council may co-opt additional representatives as appropriate

C) Procedure

- (i) HSACRE is a Committee of the LEA and will be serviced by the LEA.
- (ii) HSACRE has the power to regulate its own proceedings subject to:
 - a) each representative group having only one vote.
 - b) Groups A, B and C have the power between them to require a review of the Agreed Syllabus
- (iii) HSACRE shall meet at least once per school term (i.e. a minimum of three times per school year).
- (iv) Each Representative group shall determine its own procedure for holding separate meetings and forming a collective view on issues.
- (v) Any meeting of a representative group shall be minuted and reported to HSACRE. One member for each representative group shall be nominated as minute secretary for this purpose.
- (vi) HSACRE shall be quorate if there is both at least one member of each of the five representative groups and a third (rounded up to the nearest whole number) of the total membership present
- (vii) Members shall serve for at least 2 years and for not more than 3 years if other representatives can be nominated by each faith or organisation.
- (viii) Should any member retire or resign, he or she will be replaced by the LEA requesting the faith or organisation for a replacement. The LEA will select the representative if more than one is proposed.
- (ix) HSACRE may co-opt further persons to serve for one or more meetings in order to provide expertise in particular fields not adequately covered by the existing membership.
- (x) The Chairman shall be elected on an annual basis.
- (xi) The Vice-Chairman shall also be elected on an annual basis and will Chair meetings in the absence of the Chairman.
- (xii) The date of at least the next two meetings shall be confirmed by HSACRE at each meeting. Papers shall normally be sent out to all members at least 10 days in advance of the meeting
- (xiii) Each member may send a deputy in his/her place.