



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2021

### Members

**Group A:** Patricia Alder, Dr Bernard Arambepola, Hasan Boluceh, Nick Chanda, *Muhammad Ibrahim*, Rabbi Yuval Keren, *Rabbi Emanuel Levy*, *Revd. Mark Meatcher*, *Marina Robb*, Jill Saxton, *Navaratnam Shanmuganathan*, Rubbina Umar, and 6 x vacancies

**Group B:** The Revd. Ian Crofts, *Sally Moore*, The Revd. Tina Kelsey and 3 x vacancies.

**Group C:** Sabah Raza (Chair), Hannah Croton, Rebecca Islam, Ozlem Onay, Samantha Manipon Becky Shah and 2 x vacancies.

**Group D:** *Cllr Ergin Erbil*, *Cllr James Hockney*, Cllr Michael Rye OBE, Lucy Nutt, *Peter Nathan* and *Cllr Charith Gunawardena*

*Italics denotes absence*

### Also Attending

Pauline Swain – SACRE Administrator

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### Group B

Apologies for absence were received from Sally Moore

#### Group D

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr James Hockney and Peter Nathan

**RESOLVED** to consent to these absences

### 2. MEMBERSHIP AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

The following amendments to membership were reported by the Chair:

Resignation: Rachel Bindon, Group A URC representative

**(a) NOTED** the following absences

Muhammad Ibrahim, Marina Robb, Navaratnam Shanmuganathan, Cllr Ergin Erbil, Cllr Charith Gunawardena

### 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES DATED 17 NOVEMBER 2020

**REPORTED** that all outstanding items under matters arising had been actioned or were in hand.

The following issues arose through consideration and discussion of the minutes and matters arising.

##### Item 5 – SACRE Development Plan

###### (i) Virtual Tours of members Places of Worship

**REPORTED** by Rabbi Yuval Keren that a Virtual Tour was already being offered. Revd Mark Meatcher was hoping to be able to offer this shortly.

###### (ii) Letters to Schools following outcomes from Online Survey

**REPORTED** the following updates

Group C had prepared a draft celebration letter for Primary Schools that achieve the REQM, a letter for Secondary schools was still needed;

Group B a draft letter was in hand and would be e-mailed to the Chair shortly;

Group D This had not been drafted. Cllr Rye kindly volunteered to draft a letter and send to Chair. The Chair thanked Cllr Rye for stepping up to this task.

##### Item 7 – Feedback on SIAMS

**REPORTED** - Agenda Item this meeting, however in the absence of Sally Moore this would be carried forward to the next meeting for discussion.

##### Item 9 – SACRE Website – School Visit Record and Visitor Protocols upload

**REPORTED** by the Chair that this had not yet been actioned. The item would be carried forward to the next meeting for discussion

##### Item 10 – SACRE Website – Members Area

**REPORTED** by the Chair that this had not been created yet. The item would be carried forward to the next meeting for discussion

##### Item 11 – HMD Pack for Schools

**REPORTED** – Agenda Item this meeting

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

Improving standards in religious education and collective worship

#### 5. ANNUAL REPORT

**REPORTED** that SACREs have a duty to publish an annual report, which has to be sent to the Secretary of State for Education as well as key partners, including schools NASACRE, and Councillors. The main purpose of the annual report is to hold the LA to account, by detailing what advice SACRE has given to the LA during the year. SACRE also need to celebrate what it and others have done to promote high quality RE and Collective Worship.

**NOTED** analysis of the 2019 examination data revealed a gender gap where girls were achieving considerably higher grades in GCSE RS studies than boys; whilst the A level data showed that out of 73 entries across the borough, only 18 of these were boys. This gender gap needs to be addressed and was to be looked at by Enfield's Excellence Board.

**REPORTED** that an Enfield Academy had noted some success where a male RE Teacher had inspired boys and where an Alevi Scheme of Work was taught.

**RESOLVED** that this could be added for discussion at the next Secondary RE Teach Meet and also that a Microsoft Form could be drawn up to seek feedback from schools as to what works

**ACTION: BECKY SHAH**

## **6. FEEDBACK ON SIAMS (STATUTORY INSPECTIONS OF ANGLICAN AND METHODIST SCHOOLS)**

**REPORTED** that there had been no recent SIAMs inspections. We were waiting on Ofsted to advise moving forward.

**RESOLVED** that Sally Moore would provide an update on this item at the next SACRE meeting.

**ACTION: SALLY MOORE**

## **7. AGREED SYLLABUS**

**REPORTED** that every five years a Local Authority has to review and if necessary, update its Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education. In order to do this, it must establish an Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) . The Chair advised that the current Enfield Agreed Syllabus and Schemes of Work (SoW) are no longer fit for purpose.

**NOTED** that Enfield SACRE will from September 2021 need to consider a new syllabus and accompanying schemes of work. SACRE will wish to discuss the guidance before an ASC takes place and may wish to recommend guidance with recommendations on additional religions which might be taught and which key stage alongside Christianity and whether to include Non-Religious World Views and Alevism. This would increase the current SoW units from 33 to 35. The two additional SoWs are recommended for SACREs consideration.

**REPORTED** that we could consider adopting and/or adapting a Syllabus and Schemes of Work prepared by another Agreed Syllabus Conference and it was proposed that 'Living the Difference' prepared by Hampshire SACRE, which builds on an approach to religious education, enriched by philosophical and theological enquiry should be explored as a possible option whilst considering the Enfield context.

**RESOLVED** that the Chair would explore this and other possible options that might be available and feedback costs at the next SACRE meeting.

**ACTION: CHAIR**

## **8. SACRE WEBSITE**

**REPORTED** that the Members only Forum of the Enfield SACRE website had not yet been completed

**RESOLVED** that this would be progressed with the LA CLC IT Team.

**ACTION: CHAIR**

## 9. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY – ‘BE THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS’

**REPORTED** that Enfield Council hosted and broadcast a Live Stream (on You Tube) to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January 2021.

[www.enfieldfestivals.co.uk/whats-on/hmd2021be-the-light](http://www.enfieldfestivals.co.uk/whats-on/hmd2021be-the-light)

**REPORTED** that for this year’s event Enfield Council commissioned a new documentary film ‘Be the Light’ that cast new light on the subject from an Enfield perspective and how the impact of these events long ago still shape our lives today. The ceremony included local speakers from the faith community and elected members shared their thoughts, plus there was music sung by pupils from Wolfson Hillel School Year 5 Choir.

**NOTED** that the event was well attended online with 400+ attendees in addition to 625 views of the long version. There were some technical issues at the beginning with people waiting to join the live stream. It was felt that perhaps a different approach could be explored next year with fewer faith representative speakers and given the high attendance evident this year that a more blended approach and both a live event and an online event could be an option. It might also be beneficial if more children were involved.

**RESOLVED** that if feedback was put in writing to the Chair, it would be forwarded it to Head of Corporate Strategy.

**REPORTED** that SACRE had published a Holocaust Memorial Day Pack in collaboration with RE Today and had circulated it to Enfield Secondary Schools. It was hoped that schools had found the pack an invaluable addition to their teaching resources for HMD 2021.

<https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/news/2021/jan/holocaust-memorial-day-pack-for-secondary-schools>

<https://www.enfieldsacre.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Secondary-Schools-Holocaust-Memorial-Day-Pack-27-January-2021.pdf>

## 10. FAITH CALENDAR 2022

**REPORTED** that a Key Faith Festivals 2021 had been produced by Enfield Council.

<https://www.enfieldsacre.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Faith-Calendar-2021.pdf>

**NOTED** that this had been circulated to schools. This had been well received. It was hoped that Enfield Faith Forum would consider producing a 2022 Faith Calendar.

**RESOLVED** that Nick Chanda would discuss this at the next Faith Forum meeting and feedback to SACRE their resolution.

**ACTION: NICK CHANDA**

## 11. SACRE MEETING DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

**REPORTED** that the **Summer Term 2021** meeting date is: **Tuesday 15 June 2021**. Venue to be confirmed, it was possible that this would be a virtual meeting.

**NOTED** the dates for remaining calendar of meetings.

Autumn Term 2021

Tuesday 16 November 2021

**NOTED** that dates are set in accordance with school terms, religious dates and Council meetings, however the dates were subject to full Council approval in accordance with the Municipal Calendar.

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **RE TEACHMEETS**

**REPORTED** that the Primary RE TeachMeet on 24 November 2020 had been very well attended, however the Secondary RE TeachMeet on 1 December 202 had only two attendees. This low attendance was very disappointing given Claire Clinton, RE Ambassador for London had joined both sessions to share RE good practice.

### **STRICTLY RE**

**REPORTED** that SACRE had funded both the Chair and Becky Shah (Secondary teacher Group C) to attend the Strictly RE Teacher Conference 2021. The conference had provided practical CPD and a number of seminars on a wide variety of RE topics across all key stages. Becky would be leading the next Spring Term Secondary TeachMeet Workshop and the Chair will lead the next Primary RE TeachMeet to disseminate conference material to RE/RS subject leads.

### **FAITH GROUP Q&As**

Members were asked if it was possible that they could prepare a Q&A Video Talk to support children's learning.

**RESOLVED** that Rabbi Yuval Keren and Rvnd Tina Kelsey would draft a Q&A. Dr Bernard Arambepola agreed that he would contact a monk from the Buddhist Centre to action

**ACTION: RABBI YUVAL KEREN, REVND  
TINA KELSEY, DR BERNARD ARAMBEPOLA**

### **CHAIR & VICE CHAIR NOMINATIONS**

**REPORTED** that at the June meeting the Chair, Sabah Raza would be standing down from office and SACRE. Nominations would be invited from SACRE Members prior to the June meeting for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Cllr Rye expressed on behalf of Enfield SACRE indebtedness for the service that Ms Raza had freely given to the SACRE over many years and thanked her for her professional support. All present warmly endorsed and clapped their appreciation. Cllr Rye indicated that he would be happy to support any incumbent Chair by chairing meetings and also acting as Vice Chair suggesting that it would be beneficial if Enfield SACRE going forward was chaired by a member of Group C.

SACRE Groups are warmly invited to make recommendations, through the Chair, on matters and topics of business for future meetings;

To note the date of the Summer Term 2021: meeting to be held on: **Tuesday 15 June 2021** at 5.30pm. If not virtual, venue will be confirmed.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**