

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM
FOREST STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(SACRE)**

AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

**HELD AT WALTHAM FOREST TOWN HALL
ON TUESDAY 22ND MARCH 2016 AT 5.15PM**

Present: Ted Cooke	Chair/Member
Peter Dawe	Member
Reverend Femi Cole-Njie	Member
Keith Piling	Member
Hilda Jackson	Member
Paul Braham	Member
Ruth Kaufman	Member
Richard Sweden	Member
Kastriot Berberi	Member
Rosalind Turner	LB Waltham Forest
Pc Mohamed Elhossainy	MPS WF Faith Officer
Connie Grant	Clerk

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

- 1.1. All members present were welcomed to the meeting and the Chair thanked them for attending. All present at the meeting introduced themselves.
- 1.2. We noted that the meeting was quorate.
- 1.3. Apologies were received from Cllr. Shammeen Highfield, Mari Chivers, Mike Stygal, Tara Khare and Anne Bard.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on the 28th January 2016

- 2.1. The minutes were agreed with the following amendments;
 - Page 1 (1.3.) – Rosalind Turner had tendered her apologies for the meeting but it was not noted on the minutes.
- 2.2. **Matters Arising**
 - Ramadan guidance – teachers had been consulted and this had been moved to the next term, to launch event for the syllabus. Ramadan guidance was raised as a concern as fasting could affect pupils performance in exams.
 - Floor targets – the Chair explained that this term meant the ‘minimum acceptable standards’ for Ofsted and if figures fell below floor targets it triggered action to be taken.

5. Update on the agreed Syllabus publication

5.1. Rosalind Turner updated the AS Group on the status of the Syllabus. She said the Syllabus was ready and will be published on Waltham Forest website with the agreement of SACRE, via the Hub. All schools will be using the Hub. The Agreed Syllabus Conference launch is scheduled for 7th July. The Mayor and relevant Cabinet Member will be invited and we are trying to include a guest with specialism in RE. The suggestion of inviting councillors who were no longer serving was raised. Rosalind stated that the conference will be a lively event and there was lots of enthusiasm about it. She said it was important for a good practitioner to speak at the conference.

Action: The Chair will communicate with the Chair of NASACRE to ask if they could suggest someone a speaker at the conference. He will update SACRE Group at the 7th July meeting with a definitive.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm