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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
3 March 2016 (7.10 - 7.30 pm)**

Present:

Representing other Christian and religious denominations (Group A):

Mrs Christine Seymour (Chairman)
Mrs Pamela Coles (Vice-Chair)
Mr Om Dhir
Rabbi Lee Sunderland
Pastor Aloysius Peter
Mr John Smailes
Mr Lutheneal Adams

Representing the Church of England (Group B):

Mrs Susan Freeman
Mrs Stephanie Ellner
Mr Mike Dean

Representing the Teaching Profession (Group C):

Ms Linda Munday

Representing the Local Authority Councillors (Group D):

Wendy Brice-Thompson
Gillian Ford

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Jason Frost, Dilip Patel, June Alexander and Joshua Chapman and of Dr John Lester, Mr Sansar Narwal, Mr Kevin Walsh, Mr Tariq Mahmood, Saddhabhaya, Mrs Dawn Ladbrook, and Ms Susan Sutton.

All decisions were taken with no votes against.

The Chairman reminded Members of the action to be taken in an emergency.

41 NEW OR SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

The Chairman welcomed the following new members of the Council:

Lutheneal Adams (Pagan)
Mike Dean (Church of England)

42 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

Under minute 37, it was noted that CPD was an acronym for Continuous Professional Development rather than as stated. The minutes were otherwise agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Members discussed the position with the RE syllabus and whether this was publicly available, both on-line and in hard copy. It was noted that this may not have been made public in order to facilitate the sale of the document to other bodies. It was suggested that this be an item at the next meeting but the Clerk to the Council would also investigate and look to update members by e-mail.

43 UPDATE ON SCHOOL ACTIVITY

In the absence of the relevant officer, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

44 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In the absence of the relevant officer, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

45 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at St Edward's Primary School. The meeting would commence at 5.30 pm probably on a Tuesday in late June or early July, exact date to be advised.

It was also agreed that the subsequent meeting would be held on Thursday 20 October at 7 pm at Romford Synagogue.

Chairman