

Trojan Horse Review Group

Report to Leader of Birmingham City

Council

18 July 2014



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B1 - ICA's Investigation Report

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B11 – Birmingham Muslim Community Reference Group statement of 10 June 2014 enclosed.

B12 – Birmingham City Council letters to Headteachers, Parents and Governors of 17 July 2014 enclosed.

From: Trojan Horse Review Group

To: Leader of Birmingham City Council

You commissioned us on 14 April 2014 to review the findings of the Independent Chief Advisor – and any other reports that may be made available by DfE, Ofsted or others – with a view to publishing a report (in July 2014) that, insofar as is possible, explains the authenticity or otherwise of the Trojan Horse allegations and makes recommendations to the city council and any other relevant bodies to ensure effective future governance and safeguarding arrangements in all schools.

2. We are now enclosing our report

The Group believes very strongly that implementing the recommendations we have put forward to the Council and other key partners presents a genuine opportunity to move away from crisis and towards practical steps in securing the right learning environment for all our children across Birmingham. They are our future and they deserve nothing less.

6. On behalf of the Group, we commend this report to you.

Amra Bone: Birmingham Central Mosque

Liam Byrne MP: Member of Parliament, Hodge Hill

ACC Garry Forsyth: West Midlands Police

Kamal Hanif: Headteacher Waverley School

Peter Hay: Strategic Director, Birmingham City Council

Councillor Zafar Iqbal: Birmingham City Council

Councillor Brigid Jones: Cabinet Member, Birmingham City Council

Emma Knight: National Governors Association

Andrew Mitchell MP: Member of Parliament, Sutton Coldfield

Councillor James McKay: Cabinet Member, Birmingham City Council

Christine Mitchell: Headteacher Clifton Primary

Stephen Rimmer: Chair of Review Group, West Midlands Strategic Leader PVVP

Councillor Habib Rehman: Birmingham City Council

Fran Stevens: Birmingham Governors' Network

Bishop David Urquhart: Bishop of Birmingham

Participant observers:

Paul Rowsell: Department for Communities and Local Government

Mela Watts: Department for Education

Rob Kelsall: National Association of Headteachers was a full member of the Group but was not able to endorse this report in full.

across all schools – respect for the law, democracy, equality and tolerance of different faiths and other beliefs. To give practical effect to that purpose, for example, much more regular joint work of projects across different schools from different neighbourhoods within the city should be supported by the Council, Birmingham Education Partnership and Birmingham Governors Network in particular.

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Summary of Key Themes considered by the Trojan Horse Review Group

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particularly their Headteachers. It is therefore essential that the Council works with partners in ensuring a clear simple and enforceable Code, setting out the duty of care towards all Heads

community focused approach in assessing what good looks like would be welcome. We also strongly support the broader measures which will reinforce a shared approach across our young people, and are particularly encouraged by the initial statement from the Birmingham Central Mosque which gives a clear commitment to improving leadership and management, governance, training, parental understanding and engagement across communities. And we recognise the importance of the Council and other key partners delivering economic growth, particularly within those communities in the City suffering significant and endemic deprivation.

3.9 Birmingham Schools should develop as a clear expression of the increasingly cohesive and integrated communities across the c

Department for Education

3.12 The Group has welcomed the direct engagement with DfE officials and recognises the need to work collaboratively with central Government, given the importance of these issues. The Group expects significant changes to national guidance in relation to school governors as a result of these matters under review - including total transparency of all appointments - and a much stronger reinforcement of the needs for a broad and balanced curriculum across all schools. The Group also expects DfE

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