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1. Reason for report

To report on the NASACRE AGM and show members the presentation that Mr Mahmmod gave on the Islam Competition.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

To accept the report and agree to subscribe to NASACRE for the next year.

3. COMMENTARY

NASACRE AGM 22nd May 2014

This was held in London and attended from Bromley SACRE by the RE consultant, Mr Mahmood and Reverend Bristow, the new Chair.

The key note speaker was MP Stephen Lloyd who is the convenor of the All Party Parliamentary group on RE. He made a passionate speech about the importance of religious education in all schools and talked about the two reports that the APPG has produced so far. Teachers from Bromley schools had contributed to the first on who is teaching RE, confidence and training issues. The second report was on RE and Community relations and had advice for Governors which has been sent to all schools in Bromley.

His speech was well received although the audience did not really need to be told of the importance of RE. A question and answer session was more focussed on the needs of SACREs and how they can be as productive as possible.

In the afternoon a number of representatives from different SACREs had volunteered to do a presentation on projects they had undertaken. Mr Mahmood did a presentation on the Islam competition in Bromley which was well received during the two sessions and engendered many questions. The members of Bromley SACRE will have the opportunity to see this presentation at our meeting.

During the day we also heard thoughts on the RE review and RE Council sent in from John Keast and also the reports from the officers of NASACRE and their plans for the coming year..