

Meetings/Events

7th January 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Guru Har Rai Gurdwara West Bromwich

28th January 2017 First meeting of Operations Team took place at Guru Nanak Gurdwara Smethwick, which included the Office Bearers, Officer Assistants and Chairs of Committee. Smethwick

20th January 2017 Representatives of Sikh Council UK met with Chief Cashier/ Director of Notes at Bank of England as part of a consultation meeting following the release the new polymer £5 notes which consist of traces of animal-derived products used by the supplier in the manufacture of the notes. Following the meeting a public statement was released by the Bank having considered the concerns of the community. Statement concluded they will

- not withdraw the current £5 polymer banknotes from circulation and will proceed with plans to withdraw legal tender status of the £5 paper banknotes on 5 May 2017;
- continue with the proposed launch of the new £10 polymer banknotes in September 2017, using the existing polymer substrate;
- complete its work with suppliers and internal analysis to determine the feasibility of using alternative substrates to produce polymer notes; and
- launch a full public consultation on the contents of the polymer substrate to be used in any future reprints of both the £5 and £10 polymer banknotes and the proposed new £20 polymer banknotes.

25th January 2017 Representatives of Sikh Council UK attended to a flagship national community cohesion event held in Leicester hosted by Major General R J Æ Stanford MBE, GOC HQ Regional Command, guests included the Chief of the General Staff, General Sir Nicholas Carter KCB CBE DSO ADC, and the Army's Commander for the UK Home Base and Lieutenant General James Bashall CBE.

27th January 2017 representatives of SCUUK attended the Annual General Meeting of Met Police Sikh Association, during which Secretary General Elect Jagtar Singh spoke of the work of Sikh Council UK and commended the great work and initiative of MPSA. In addition to members' other guests in attendance included Chief Superintendent - Victor OLISA Head of Strategic Inclusion and Diversity, A/DI Sarbjit KAUR - Merseyside Police (recently awarded MBE)



Media/Campaigns

23rd January 2017 Sikh Council UK supported a live TV fundraiser for the Amritsar Visitor Centre, a project of Sikh educational organisation Basics of Sikhi, saw a remarkable £110,000 donated in under three hours, Sikh Council UK were asked to convey a special thanks to our members who supported this noble course.

Sikh Council UK circulated and supported the WaterReferendum Campaign initiated by Sikhs for Justice in challenging the Supreme Court of India before International Court of Justice in Hague, Netherlands on basic rights of Sikhs in panjab.