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### **Meetings/Events**

12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Executive Committee Meeting took place at Guru Nanak Gurdwara Sahib, Smethwick.

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 Representatives of Sikh Council UK attended the Met Police Sikh Association Gurburb Celebration Event at the Metropolitan Police building in North London delegates included Ministers, Lords, Community guests and serving members of the Metropolitan Police Service. Secretary General of Sikh Council UK spoke at the event to address the attendees and congratulate everyone on the first of its kind event by the MET.

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 Secretary General, Gurmel Singh along with colleagues and representatives of seventeen other Sikh organisations attended a historic first ever roundtable meeting between the Sikh community and leader of the Labour Party Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP and Her Majesty's Opposition. Approximately eighteen key issues were tabled for detailed discussions on some issues including lack of Sikh representation, hate crime, need for statutory regulations for Sikh articles of faith, monitoring of Sikhs in census 2021, human rights abuses in India and travel document cases and need for clear labelling on all food in particular meat products.

15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Representatives of Sikh Council UK attended the Home Office Sikh Association event to celebrate Guru Nanak Dev Ji's advent and the contribution of Sikh and Indian soldiers to the British World War 1 effort.

30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Representatives of Sikh Council UK attended launch of the report by ResPublica '[Defending Religious Liberty: Placing society at the heart of the new British Bill of Rights](#)' at the House of Commons.

### **Casework and Campaign**

Referral received by Sikh Council UK regarding denial of access by a kara wearing pupil into a grammar school in Manchester grammar school. Contact was made with local colleagues in Bradford who accompanied the family to school meetings with the governor using Sikh Council UK panj kakkar guidelines.

Sikh Council UK supported a joint statement whereby over 15 UK Faith Leaders came together to urge UK Government to get aid to civilians in besieged East Aleppo. Estimated 250,000 people, including 100,000 children are affected.

### **Media/Education**

Sikh Council UK was contacted by Mosaic Films ([www.mosaicfilms.com](http://www.mosaicfilms.com)) who produce educational content for the BBC. They are currently developing a series of



short animations for BBC Bitesize, to illustrate key religious concepts for Key Stage 3 (age 8-11) students. Taken up by Sukhraj Singh (Member of BoJ and Teacher)