

## **Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh**

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016; Executive Committee meeting was held in Leeds

8<sup>th</sup> July 2016; following the post-Brexit racism that had occurred the Integration Minister, Baroness Williams, held a Roundtable to discuss what more Government can do to prevent events such as these happening in the future. The Sikh Council UK took an active part in the discussion which were held in Manchester.

9<sup>th</sup> July 2016 Special Meeting held at Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Havelock Road, Southall to discuss issues of concern and developments taking place that may impact upon Gurdwara Committees. The meeting was very well attended and discussed issues as Disability Discrimination, Safeguarding, Granthis, theft etc

19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 **Sikh Showcase Event in Parliament is a Roaring Success**  
**Sikh Council UK initiative to showcase the good work of a range of Sikh organisations in the Members Dining Room in the Houses of Parliament, London was acknowledged as a roaring success by parliamentarians, organisations and community representatives at the event held today. Amongst attendees were Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and Tom Watson MP, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party.**

The event held in the heart of UK's democracy was jointly hosted by Chris White MP (Conservative – Warwick and Leamington) and Jonathan Ashworth MP (Labour - Leicester South).

Secretary General of Sikh Council UK, Gurmel Singh said, "There are many Sikh organisations across the UK doing excellent work serving not only the Sikh community but also the wider community and often some of the most vulnerable in society. This event ensured the excellent contribution of some of these organisations was brought to the attention of Parliamentarians and other key figures in the UK."

He added, "The Sikh Council UK, amongst other things, was established to raise the profile of Sikhs and our excellent third sector organisations. Holding this prestigious event in the Houses of Parliament is a significant step forward in recent Sikh history in raising the profile of our community. The cross party support from parliamentarians has been extremely encouraging and welcoming."

Spokesperson and Head of Political Engagement at Sikh Council UK, Gurinder Singh Josan said, "The event exceeded our expectations both for the number and quality of organisations showcasing and the number of Parliamentarians attending. We were pleased to welcome around 40 MP's and Peers from all parties

Organisations attending came from across the UK and included those providing services in disaster relief, education, sports, food for the homeless, support for political prisoners, professional Sikh associations, heritage, chaplaincy and a range of others.