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the Most Gracious, the Ever Merciful*



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Introduction

All praise and thanks are due to Allah, the Creator and Sustainer of all. We put our faith and trust in Him and seek His help, guidance and forgiveness, and may His peace and blessings be on our noble Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W)

Through Allah's grace, we are able to present this second Annual Report of The Muslim Council of Britain. In this relatively short period of time, we have had a sampling of the enormity of the challenges facing our community and society. When we set what we have tried to do against the vision which prompted the formation of the MCB – a vision of helping to create a fair and caring, a hard-working and a just society – we realise how far we still have to go. We are still at a stage where we feel like clamouring for due rights when our legacy tells us that we should rather be engaged in helping to contribute to the fund of what is right to society.

These formative years of the MCB have confirmed the need for greater commitment to service to the community and society. This is a need that can only be fulfilled by greater participation at all levels of society as opposed to mere agitation from the sidelines. The activities of the MCB over the past two years need to be seen in this context. By the grace of Allah, we have been fortunate in having a wealth of commitment and talent, and a vast scope for work and involvement which has made the MCB's role a constantly demanding and challenging one. We pray that the foundations that we have tried to lay and the precedents that may have been set would prove to be sturdy and durable and that the MCB, like the community of which it is an integral part, will grow in strength and maturity.

Against this background, Section One of this Report provides an update on the operational structures that have been set up in order to realise some of the tremendous scope and potential of the MCB. These include the formation of the MCB Charitable Trust as a registered charity which is vital to creating confidence among supporters of the MCB and improving its financial base - so critical for the growth of the MCB and the provision of essential services. It also deals with amendments to the Constitution made at the last AGM which have been put into effect such as the setting up of two Specialist Committees, the Legal Affairs Committee and the Membership Committee.

The second Section of the Report gives a brief description of some of the wide-ranging work of the MCB. As in the last Annual Report, this is done under four main headings: serving the community, campaigning for changes in legislation and working with the media and presenting the Muslim viewpoint. The financial report is presented separately.

In the last section of the Report, we highlight some of the concerns and areas of work which we believe should be taken up by the new Office Bearers and the new Central Working Committee to be formed at the AGM on 13 May 2000. Among the most crucial targets is the continuing need to improve the

economic base of the MCB, to expand the permanent staff of the Office so that it can better meet the enormous demands that are placed on it, to improve internal and external communication for service development and delivery, and to increase our focus on the grassroots needs of the community such as helping to ensure a basic level of Islamic education for all.

In assessing the role and functioning of the MCB in this initial stage, it is heartening to note that there is a general awareness in the community that there is now a body like the MCB that can take up and deal with any issue affecting the Muslim community at all levels, a body that they can turn to with confidence - whether at times of crisis or to deal with any issue of concern or any request. We need to ensure that the MCB continues to have this capability and that it would not let anyone down, whether individuals or organisations. The expectations from the community are enormous - from individuals seeking basic information about where is the nearest mosque or madrasah, to organisations seeking advice on complex issues like interest free loans from the government or expecting a lead on the timings for Ramadan and Eids.

We have managed to work under a great deal of constraints but what has been achieved could only have been done through the remarkable sacrifice that has been made on the part of office bearers, the chairpersons, secretaries and members of committees, and the many from the community. Many have demonstrated a sustained and genuine commitment and we pray that this would continue.

I would like to record my deep appreciation and thanks to all who have helped the MCB and all those who have worked for and supported our values and concerns in this early period. The MCB cannot simply rely on a few individuals or a group of persons but remains dependent on people from all walks of life across the country working in a collective spirit.

I would also like to record our appreciation to all those in the wider society such as the Parents Network and the Christian Institute who share common values and concerns for their support and encouragement. In such areas as the preservation of the family from the many destructive forces and trends that are at work, we need to realise the benefits of working together for the common good.

As we go forward into a new term, I would like to emphasise that the MCB has been and remains open to all Muslim organisations in the UK to join and play the fullest possible role for the community. We continue to send out circulars and invitations to all Muslim organisations to be part of and contribute to the work for the common good. Each individual and each organisation has the right to participate and help shape the course of the MCB just as any other according to the Constitution of the MCB. We welcome the many new organisations that have joined the MCB in the current year and increased the wider variety of its membership.

However, It is with sadness and pain that we have to draw attention to the negative and destructive activities of a small section of the Muslim community. While it is the MCB's policy to seek harmonious relations with all Muslims and not to engage in public criticism, it has become necessary to say that the violence and thuggery used by certain groups to disrupt and smash meetings, assault people and dishonour guests in the name of Islam (as has happened with the MCB Public Affairs Committee meeting with the London Mayoral Candidates at the London Central Mosque, and at the FOSIS seminar on Islamophobia and elsewhere) is not acceptable. We call on all Muslim individuals and organisations to distance themselves from this ugly, unIslamic behaviour.

It is a fact of course that many people, particularly among the young, feel an acute sense of alienation from the society as it is and many suffer from genuine grievances and hardship. It is our duty and the duty of imams and teachers to provide guidance, meaningful help and hope in these situations. But there can be no excuse really for allowing oneself to be drawn in or be manipulated into adopting methods which are not in harmony with the sunnah of the beloved Prophet, peace be on him. People really need to realise that Islam is both a message and a method for implementing that message.

In general, it may be noted that while the Muslim community is working towards greater unity and cohesion, there are often negative or destructive elements seeking to undermine any positive work. The MCB's policy has been to respond to negative criticism and detractors with dignity and to refrain from condemning individuals or organisations.

Much of our work in the past two years have been concentrated on getting the Muslim viewpoint and concerns heard at governmental and institutional levels. We have been heartened by the openness and the positive response we have met in many cases - such as the speed with which the Metropolitan Police retracted allegations of Islamic terrorist campaigns in London on the eve of the new millennium. However, while we do not expect that all of our concerns are immediately taken on board by public bodies and politicians in particular, we do feel that in matters that are straightforward, or where there is a clear principle involved, that these should not be sidelined, overturned or subjected to a long process of attrition whether through bureaucratic ways, bloody minded humbug or the pursuit of short-term gains.

It is very painful, for example, to see the Prime Minister insisting on doing business with Mr Putin while the latter is engaged in the genocide of the Muslims of Chechnya and continues to raise the bogey of 'Islamic terrorism' in Europe and tries to implicate British Muslims all the while continuing with his savage invasion and occupation of the Chechen Republic of Iskeria. Where have the principles gone, we may well ask. There is a need to outlaw discrimination on religious grounds while members of the community continue to suffer - why is it taking so long to accord these basic human rights?

There is widespread backing for the inclusion of the religious question in the Census 2001 after years of protracted campaigning- why has it been left now to the fragile device of a Private Member's bill?

Why is there so little movement in western governments dealing with the crippling debts of the world's most impoverished peoples?

We would much prefer that our time and energies be spent on more essential tasks and the actual needs of our community and society. We dearly hope that such an advice as 'Make things easy and not difficult' (saying of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be on him) should become a guiding principle in any mutual relations and indeed in any bureaucratic machinery.

In the introduction to the last Annual Report, we highlighted three essential tasks for the Muslim community in Britain.

One: to move towards achieving greater understanding for our faith and our culture and a concomitant recognition of our needs and rights as an Islamic community.

Two: to develop our own understanding of the larger society and its social processes; without such understanding it would not be easy to relate with the larger society and without this, it would be difficult to achieve understanding of our role.

Three: to understand is to relate, and to relate is to participate in the life of the society, not only at the political level but also at all other levels of the society.

These tasks are ones that we must dedicate and train ourselves to carry out in the months and years ahead, *in sha Allah*.

It is true to say, that in its first two years, The Muslim Council of Britain has been able to establish itself in the life of the Muslim community and in the wider society in Britain, and also abroad. We would like to thank all those, whether they be institutions or individuals, persons in the community or in the wider society, who have worked with us and assisted us in all that we have done or tried to do.

In many senses, however, our work has only just begun. We hope and pray that the organisation, under the direction office bearers, and the new Central Working Committee, will continue to work together for the benefit of the entire Muslim community and for the common good of all.

We pray that by Allah's grace and the goodwill and active support of all, we will remain true to our ethos and be helped to fulfil our responsibilities.

With Allah's help and support from my fellow office bearers, CWC of MCB members and all of you I have completed my two year term as Secretary General, may Allah Almighty forgive all our short comings.

Iqbal Sacranie / Secretary General

Section One

Infrastructure and Processes

In this section of the Annual Report, we review the functioning of the Central Working Committee (CWC) of The Muslim Council of Britain since the Annual General Meeting held at York Hall, Bethnal Green, London on 15 May 1999. We also review the other instruments and processes that have been put in place. and make recommendations on such matters as office staffing.

Meetings of the CWC

As required by the Constitution, meetings of the CWC were held once every three months. Four CWC meetings were held - all at the Islamic Cultural Centre in London - 10 July 1999, 23 October 1999, 29 January 2000 and 8 April 2000.

The average attendance at these meetings was 35. This again shows that the majority of CWC members attended its meetings regularly in addition to the invitees who make a distinctive contribution to the CWC's work.

It is with regret, however, that we note that a few CWC members have not attended any meetings of the CWC and did not convey any apologies. It is a constitutional provision that any CWC member who misses two consecutive meetings without reasonable cause is liable to lose membership of the CWC. Apart from reminders to the members concerned, the CWC did not take any decision to expel any member. It recommends however that in the future no person should stand for election or accept nomination to the CWC unless he or she is fully aware of the responsibilities involved in attending meetings regularly and participating effectively.

Appointment of Misdaq Zaidi as Acting Treasurer

At the meeting on 10 July 1999, Yusuf Islam resigned as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee because 'he did not have enough time to discharge the responsibilities' of these positions. He has remained on the CWC. Misdaq Zaidi was appointed as Acting Treasurer and Chairman of the F&GPC. Yousuf Bhailok was appointed as his assistant with special responsibility for fundraising.

New CWC co-opted members

Dr Abdur Raheem Khan and Yousuf Bhailok were co-opted onto the CWC in line with the amendment to the constitution providing for an increase in the number of co-opted members.

Two new Specialist Committees

In line with the amendment to the Constitution adopted at the last AGM, two new Specialist Committees were formed in order to streamline the functioning of the F&GPC.

- (1) the Legal Affairs Committee to deal, inter alia, with any matters pertaining to the Constitution and
- (2) the Membership Committee to deal with all matters of affiliation and representation of bodies to the General Assembly.

Dr Abdur Raheem Khan was appointed as Chair of the Membership Committee and Khurshid Drabu was appointed Chair of the Legal Committee.

Office-Bearers' Meetings

In line with the amendment to the Constitution adopted at the last AGM to institutionalise the 'convening of regular meetings of Office-bearers for the efficient and proper functioning of the MCB', frequent meetings were held throughout the year. Some of these were by telephone conferencing.

The role of Zonal representatives

Regional representatives who are elected to the CWC are an important link in the MCB's network with a challenging range of work to perform. There have only been a few zonal representatives who have taken their responsibilities seriously while there are many who have not responded to any communications.

Board of Counsellors

As required by the Constitution, the CWC is required to set up a Board of Counsellors composed of people of standing in the community to act in an advisory capacity to the MCB.

Since the last AGM, no further names have been proposed and the Board of Counsellors has not yet been formally constituted and has therefore not started functioning. One of the important targets for the coming year should be to properly constitute the Board of Counsellors with regular meetings and support from the office so that the MCB and the community as a whole could benefit from their experience and counsels on a range of issues.

Committees and Task Groups

New Business and Economics Task Group

This new Task Group was formed at the CWC meeting in July 1999. The Task Group will provide a forum for networking of business people at local, regional and national levels and a point of contact with chambers of commerce in the UK and abroad and be a source of funding for the MCB. Br M Iqbal Asaria was appointed as Chair of the new Task Group.

Committees and Task Groups continued to function as in the previous year apart from the following:

A Families and Women Support Group as part of the Social and Welfare Committee was formed at a meeting on 1 March 2000. The Convenor is Mrs Slama Sulaimani.

Abdur Rashid Siddique of the Community Affairs Committee has been quite ill over the past year. Br. Ibrahim Jasat from Leicester is the new Secretary of this Committee.

Dr Nawazish Bukhari is the new Chair of the Education, Training and Employment Task Group.

MCB Charitable Foundation

The legal instrument creating the MCB Charitable Foundation has been prepared under the direction of the Legal Affairs Committee. The document has been carefully drawn up to ensure that the new instrument will remain dedicated to serving the interests of the MCB. The CWC has approved the appointment of the Office Bearers (Iqbal Sacranie, Basil Mustafa, M AbdulBari and Misdaq Zaidi) as the first trustees. Remaining trustees will need to be appointed by the new CWC.

It is hoped, in sha Allah, that the MCB Charitable Foundation will make a speedy and enormous impact on improving the financial base of the MCB to facilitate its steadily growing work.

The office of Secretary General of the MCB

The following observation in last year's Annual Report has become even more acute with the increase in the workload of the Secretary General and really needs to be addressed:

'It is clear that for the MCB to continue functioning as an efficient and effective institution, adequate support for the Secretary general must be put in place. The work burden is too onerous for an individual to deal with simultaneously with other professional and business or financial commitments and do justice to both. There is a constant and insistent demand on the Secretary General's time.

Considering the wide range of the MCB's activities - the need to keep abreast of developments in the community, in the wider society, the work of government departments as they affect Muslims, attend meetings, give interviews, develop networks continuously and attend to other tasks, it is essential that serious thought be given to creating a system with adequate administrative backup, and financial support if needed.'

MCB Office

Jamil Sherif has continued to be responsible for the functioning of the office. AbdulWahid Hamid has also provided some assistance and direction.

MCB Office Management

Mukhar Hashemi was appointed Office Manager on 1 July 1999 but had to resign for family reasons. He was succeeded by Ismail Isa Amaan for the period November 1999 to January 00. The current Office Manager is Humaira Kayani who assumed responsibilities on 1 March 2000.

Media Officer

Merryl Wyn Davis has been appointed as a part-time Media Officer in March 2000.

Short-term work

Other persons have assisted MCB's work on a short-term basis. Sister Sarah Joseph has worked on the producing the second MCB newsletter, The Common Good. Br Anwar has been assisting with the building of MCB databases. Sister Farhia has served as an Office Assistant

Volunteers

The work of the MCB over the past year continued to be assisted to a large extent by voluntary workers including many professionals who have given their services free of charge.

While the MCB is grateful for the voluntary services rendered by so many (including amounts spent on travel to meetings etc), it cannot expect to continue relying on these arrangements. It needs to raise the required funds for these services.

The pressure of work at the office continues to be great and no doubt will continue to increase. The present staffing arrangements, partly the result of financial constraints, is woefully inadequate to cope with the demands on the office. Urgent attention needs to be given to increasing the number of staff and to the possibility of moving the office to a more central location.

Recommendations

More full-time staff

In addition to the Office Manager and the Media Officer who have been appointed, the volume of work at the MCB office requires additional full-time paid staff to cope adequately with the demands on the MCB. This of course requires much additional funds.

Chief Administrator

The last Annual Report suggested that a new position - that of Chief Administrator or Executive Secretary - should be created to handle the burgeoning work of the MCB. He will be expected to take initiatives in implementing agreed policies, supervise staff and reduce the workload of the Secretary General wherever possible. This suggestion remains valid.

Telephonist Information Officer

Because of the volume and variety of calls coming into the MCB office, it is important that a competent person with a pleasant personality and good knowledge of Islam, the Muslim community in Britain and the MCB be appointed to fill this front-line and sensitive position.

Office Assistant

At least one office assistant who should be computer literate needs to be appointed on a permanent basis.

Relocating the Office

The possible benefits of moving the MCB office from Dexion House in Empire Way, Wembley to a location closer to central London (e.g. the Euston or Kings Cross area) have frequently been suggested - easier access from various parts of the capital and from outside London, and closer contact with facilities, places of importance and on-going events. Moving the MCB office has been explored as a serious option but again finance remains the major constraint.

Upgrading of office equipment

The office equipment has been significantly upgraded to cope with the volume of work: a volume photocopier, large capacity fax, franking machine, and a new computer have been provided. A new telephone system to cope with the volume of calls is urgently needed.

Communications

It is important that an effective network of communication should be established among all those who are involved or are touched by the work of the MCB: Letters, newsletter, press releases, telephone, email, faxes, website, personal visits, briefings, seminars, training programmes, maintaining of accurate databases - these have all been used in pursuit of the objectives of the MCB.

The MCB website has been kindly maintained under the supervision of Jamil Sherif at the offices of Webstar.

Only one issue of the Newsletter - The Common Good - was published this year.

E-mail

For cheaper and more effective communication, it is important that all affiliates and those involved with MCB work should have e-mail addresses which they should check and use effectively. All affiliates and others should send their e-mail addresses to the MCB office.

Regular email bulletin

A regular MCB Bulletin to be distributed by email is planned but is only feasible with the appointment of new office staff or the coming forward of one or two dedicated volunteers.

Section Two

Activities of the MCB

The MCB, *alhamdu lillah*, provides an institutional framework within which the Muslim community and people with specialist interests and expertise collaborate on projects and programmes to serve the community and the wider society.

This Section summarises the activities of the MCB under four headings:

- Serving the Community
- Working with the media
- Campaigning for changes in legislation
- Presenting the Muslim viewpoint.

It will be apparent in the description that follows that many committees and task groups have been quite active on a number of initiatives. Other committees and task groups need to improve on their performance.

There has often been active co-operation between various committees, office bearers and the MCB office as well as institutions in the community and the wider society in pressing common concerns. Bodies like the Runnymede Trust, the Islamophobia Commission, the Interfaith Network, the Inner-Cities Religious Council and the 1990 Trust have been supportive.

There are also been a greater number of government departments which are becoming alive to the needs and concerns of the Muslim community - examples are the Department of Health, the Treasury, the Department of the Environment (Planning) and the Ministry of Defence. The MCB's approach is one of participation and involvement, not agitation.

Serving the community

Education

Parent Governors

The MCB Education Committee is urging Muslim parents to come forward and serve as school parent Governors. Supporting material and information on DfEE leaflets about becoming a parent governor are available from the Committee.

Sex and Relationship Education Guidance

The MCB has been represented in two conferences hosted by the DfEE and has responded to a consultation exercise on Sex and Relationship Education Guidance

Local Authority Funding

Draft guidelines on approaches to Local Authorities for Funding are being prepared by the Education Committee and will be circulated to all member organisations.

Social and Welfare Work

Hospital Chaplaincy

A directive is to be issued to Health Trusts which will require any hospital having 40 Muslim patients per week to make provision for spiritual care and counselling to be available. Chowdhry Mueenuddin has been participating on behalf of the MCB in meetings with the Ministry of Health and the faith communities to extend this pastoral and spiritual care to patients of particular faith groups. Christians and Jews have had established facilities in this regard. on behalf of the MCB.

There will be a national consultation with the various faith communities to implement this system.

There will be a need for people to come forward and make themselves available for training to take up these positions, which will be paid. An awareness campaign needs to be launched in this regard.

Some excellent guidelines have been prepared by Hafiz Shafiqur Rahman for Muslim organisations and individuals who want to offer spiritual and pastoral care to Muslim patients. These are based on the good practices and model set in Whitechapel Hospital where a prayer facility was officially opened by the Health Secretary, Frank Dobson and where one of the paid Muslim 'chaplains' is a lady.

First Muslim Adviser to Prison Service

The MCB welcomed the appointment of the first ever Muslim adviser to the Prison Service, Mr Maqsood Ahmed, on 7 September 1999.

Prison Chaplaincy

The MCB has been working together with Islamic Cultural Centre and Iqra Trust to establish an organisation that will co-ordinate efforts on behalf of Muslim inmates and support the work of Muslim 'Prison Chaplains'.

There are 180 prisons 80 of which have Muslim inmates. Meeting the accepted guidelines for Prison Chaplaincy will mean there are paid positions with appropriate training given. There is a special need for Muslim women to put themselves forward for training to serve the needs of women prisoners.

Halal Food and Qurbani facilities

Nizar Boga, Dr Abdul Majed Katme and Dr. Jafer Qureshi attended regular meetings at the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (MAFF). MAFF

circulars about Qurbani were issued in several languages with some support from the MCB and announcements were made on radio and TV.

Forced 'Marriages'

AbdulJalil Sajid corrected references made by Baroness Scotland's to clear up confusion between marriages that are forced and marriages that are arranged. The MCB has been active in countering the negative perceptions that this was a Muslim issue when in fact it is a cultural issue not applicable solely to British Muslims.

Health and Medical Issues

The Health and Medical Committee has been representing the MCB at various regional and national meetings and in campaigns in Parliament.

Euthanasia

Through the Health and Medical Committee, the MCB supported the Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill to oppose the British Medical Association's (BMA) guidelines on withholding and withdrawing life prolonging treatment .

The sponsor of the Bill, Mrs Ann Winterton wrote: "We are grateful for the support we received from the Muslim community leading up to the Second Reading of the Bill. We were especially delighted with the letter that the Medical & Health Committee of the Muslim Council of Britain sent to all MPs. It was an enormous help, particularly as the BMA attacked the Bill on wholly untenable grounds. The fact that Muslim doctors spoke out so courageously and had a strong impact on many of my colleagues."

Various initiatives

- The Health and Medical Committee will be represented on The Gene Therapy Advisory Committee set up by the Department of Health.
- Committee of medical experts and Ulama is to be formed.
- Database to provide a central reference point for expert medical advice
- A directory of Muslim health services and a guide to Muslim-friendly Trusts and services in the country is nearing completion.

New Book on Care of Muslim Patients

The MCB has been supportive of new publications like The Care of Muslim Patients by Dr A R Gatrad and Dr Aziz Shaikh.

Hajj vaccinations

The MCB co-operated with the Department of Health to publicise the need for children and young people up to age 18 to have appropriate meningitis vaccinations before leaving for Hajj. The information provided, however, was quite late after many people had already left for Hajj.

Community Affairs

The Committee has submitted a report to the Home Office regarding Muslim sensibilities and norms concerning death.

National Survey of Burial Facilities

An extensive National Survey of Burial Facilities was carried out on behalf of the MCB by Ibrahim Ahmad Jasat, Secretary of the Community affairs Committee.

A total of 61 towns and cities participated in the survey. Six have no Muslim cemetery provision at all; 38 have no weekend/public holiday burial facilities; 3 have no graves facing the Qiblah; 28 have problems with coroners and postmortems; 19 have problems in obtaining death certificates; 40 do not provide coffinless burials; and 17 have problems in obtaining Disposal Certificates out of hours.

Representations are being made to the various authorities to provide or improve their services for Muslims.

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A document on Post-Mortem Examinations - the Role of Doctors & Coroners was prepared by DR M A Dharwal, Dr Faisal Docrat and Dr Hasan Irfan. Meeting with the Coroners' Society.

Meeting with Coroners' Society

The Secretary General and members of the Community Affairs Committee held a meeting on 8 May with the Coroners' Society at which it was decided to have a joint campaign with other faith communities to facilitate burial arrangements as soon as possible after a person dies.

Hajj Delegation

The MCB participated with the authorities in Saudi Arabia and Britain and with members of the Muslim community in arranging the first ever British Hajj delegation.

A statement issued (2 March 00) on the MCB's role and purpose emphasized that its participation in setting up the Delegation was 'to serve the needs of the pilgrims and the Muslim community of Britain as a whole'.

It is important to stress that there were no MCB appointees on the Delegation and contrary to some reports, the MCB at no stage sought to 'hijack' the project or push any persons into the delegation. The MCB does feel however that in the future more thought will need to be given to the composition and effectiveness of the Delegation in the light of experience and to reflect the diverse nature of the Muslim community in Britain.

The delegation was successful in providing help and medical treatment to many pilgrims and we pray for the success of future delegations, in sha Allah.

Prison conditions of Samar Alami

Sec. Gen. reported that MCB, along with other organisations, had taken up the case of Samar Alami, a Palestinian woman imprisoned for the alleged involvement in the bombing of the Israeli Embassy. Representations had been made to Home Office Minister, Paul Boateng MP, expressing concern at the conditions in which she was being held. As a consequence she had been transfer to less harsh conditions and had had her prisoner category changed.

Legal Affairs

Provision of Legal Advice

Enquiries to the MCB office from individuals needing legal advice are passed on the membes of hte Legal Affairs Committee. cases involving issues of general importance to the community as a whole are taken up by LAC. Others are referred to particular legal advisors.

The MCB supports the quarterly legal magazine, The Muslim Lawyer. LAC is part of the publishing team.

Regional subcommittees in various regions of the country are being set up by LAC. Suleman Osman is engaged in this.

Preparations are underway for a forthcoming conference on Human Rightsin Euope in conjunction with the Association of Muslim Lawyers.

Demographic Survey of Muslims in Britain - Redoc

A demographic survey of Muslims in Britain was done by Humaira Kayani for the Research and Documentation Committee (Redoc). The Committee is waiting for the Census 2001 question issue to be resolved prior to any further preparations for the planned seminar on British Muslims.

Islamic Banking in the UK

The MCB, represented by Iqbal Asaria and Iqbal Ahmed Khan of thae MCB Business and Economics Committee, participated in discussions with the Financial Service Authority (FSA) and the Citizen Oganising Foundation on Islamic banking in the United Kingdom. The current Bank of England framework and rules for registration make it very difficult for an Islamic bank to register in the UK. Itis necessary that the framework and the rules be changed to allow such banks to operate and help in the revival of small local communities. What was the outcome??

Friends of the MCB

A scheme for setting up "Friends of the MCB" was announced by the Business and Economics Committee following the meeting of Muslim businessmen in Leicester. Similar meetings were planned for Birmingham and Blackburn.

Working with the media

The MCB has become a main point of contact on issues relating to Islam and Muslims.

Interviews

A number of interviews were given to television, radio and the press at the local, national and international levels by the Secretary General, Dr M AbdulBari, the Assistant Secretary General, Manzoor Moghal and others on various topics including Section 28, the Hajj delegation, Blair and the Qur'an, EC research on Muslims in Europe and other topics relating to Islam and Muslims.

Press Releases

Several press releases were issued including: Joint Statement from the Metropolitan Police and the MCB on false statements, Clause 28, Financial Bonds for Visitors, British Hajj Delegation, and War Crimes in Chechnya. The Putin Visit to Britain, Kashmir, No to lowering the age of consent, the Status of Jerusalem, Attempts by security services to recruit a religious leader as an informer, and Yemeni sentences on British youths.

Media monitoring

This process has continued with the help of several individuals and organisations but needs to be systematically improved.

Positive programming

Positive programming has been acknowledged by the MCB. For example the makers of the TV documentary on the Children of Iraq and the Daily Telegraphy reporting on Chechnya deserve to be commended.

Representation from Muslims needed

It was noted that the BBC Asian Unit was planning a series of programmes on Islam next year. Concern was expressed that in the Asian Unit there should be made to ensure that there was proper representation from Muslims, especially where programmes on Islam were concerned.

Meeting with BBC

A meeting is being planned with Mark Thompson, recently appointed Head of Programmes at the BBC, and the Board of Governors of the BBC. There is on-going meeting with editors of BBC radio stations.

Community Press

The MCB also recognizes the important role played by the community press in keeping the community informed of developments in general and the coverage given to MCB activities.

Radios Ramadan

MCB is supportive of the several Radio Ramadan stations in bringing communities together and educating and entertaining them in lively and exciting ways.

MCB Office Bearers and members participated in Radio Ramadan programmes throughout the country.

Campaigning for changes in legislation

Third Review of Race Relations Act

The Legal Affairs Committee (LAC) was responsible for preparing the MCB Response to the Third Review of the Race Relations Act published by the Commission for Racial Equality.

The Legal and Community Affairs committees prepared the MCB response to the Home Office document on Death Certification.

Faith and Religion part of Multi-ethnic Commission

Because of the MCB's representation, it has been decided that issues having a bearing on faith and religion should form part of the Commission's Report.

European Genocide Remembrance Day

The Legal Committee submitted a report on government proposals to have a Holocaust Remembrance Day said that it was a good idea but that all victims of genocide should be remembered on this day which should be named instead Genocide Remembrance Day. This would also be in line with continental practice which has a European Genocide Remembrance Day. The MCB should continue to campaign for this idea in cooperation with other faiths; it was not too late to do so.

Financial Bonds for Visitors

The Legal Committee's Response highlighted the fact that there were discriminatory elements in the scheme and called into question the apparent racism in the Government's pilot project which were to be tried out on people from the subcontinent and not those from Australia, New Zealand or South Africa.

As a result of representations made, the bonds would not now be applied in the first instance to people coming from the sub-continent.

The MCB has at the same time campaigned for the fair treatment of visitors, call for retraining of entry clearance officers and general improvements in the present system of dealing with applications from family visitors.

Other Responses to Legislation and Consultation Papers

- Asylum Seekers Bill
- Reform of the House of Lords
- Elimination of Religious Discrimination in Europe

Repeal of Clause 28

The MCB has taken an active part in supporting Baronnes Young and the public campaign to oppose the repeal of Clause 28. The organisation has been in close touch with members of the House of Lords who have on two occasions defeated attempts to repeal the clause. Letters of thanks and appreciation for the MCB's stand have been received from about 50 peers. The Education Committee circulated petitions to mosques and affiliate organisations to demonstrate the strength of feeling among Muslims on this issue. While the legislation has the backing of the Government, MCB through its press releases, activities and cooperation with other concerned organisations has contributed to making this a high profile issue of public debate.

It was noted that both Muslim peers had abstained from voting when the Bill had come before the House. It was decided to send a strong letter from the MCB requesting a clarification and explanation of their behaviour. Bashir Maan had been the only member of the Labour Party in Scotland who had voted against the repeal of Section 28. The political pressure, he noted, was very strong, forcing many MPs to vote against their own conscience.

Census 2001

The MCB has been actively campaigning together with other faith groups for the inclusion of a religious identity question in next year's census. The Government supports the proposition but has sought to implement it by means of a private members bill in the House of Commons, to be presented by Jonathan Sayeed MP. The Bill should be presented in mid-May.

The Question on Religion has been incorporated in the Census 2001 for Scotland by the Scottish Parliament whereas originally the concerned government department had no intention of introducing it in Scotland at all. Muslim councillors and politicians together with other faith groups played a part in this.

Presenting the Muslim viewpoint

In building a constructive and cooperative relationship with Government and legislative bodies the MCB has been able to clarify and represent Muslim viewpoints on a wide range of subjects, from anti terrorist legislation to issues of morality and the preservation of family values.

Meeting with Metropolitan Police Commissioner

The MCB held a meeting with the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, and issued a joint press release condemning the use of the word 'Islamic' when referring to alleged acts of terrorism anywhere in the world. The press release said the words 'Islamic' and 'terrorist' were contradictory and announced the setting up of a Joint Committee to deal with issues and Muslim concerns as

they arise.. The meeting was described by the Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police as 'positive' and 'constructive'.

Response to Islamophobia Commission

The MCB submitted a response to Commission's request detailing the ways it has dealt with tackling the problem of 'Islamophobia'.

Section 28 Campaign

Campaign against the repeal of Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1988. The MCB has taken an active part in the campaign to prevent the repeal of this Act which currently forbids the promotion of homosexuality in schools. A petition addressed to the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, was organised by the MCB Education Committee with the aim of collecting 250,000 signatures. Copies of the petition have been sent to all mosques and organisations.

The MCB has worked with other institutions in the wider society such as the Christian Institute and the Parents Organisation of Bristol to oppose the repeal. It also lobbied all the members of the House of Lords which voted against the repeal but the Bill is still likely to be brought to the Commons and the community should continue to lobby their MPs.

Many letters of support for the clear Muslim stand on this issue has come from members of the House of Lords, Baroness Young is to be commended on her energy and commitment in opposing the repeal of Section 28.

Public Affairs

- A meeting with Mayoral Candidates at the Islamic Cultural Centre, London was organised by the Public Affairs Committee.
- Contact has been established with the Conservative Party Central Office and a meeting with Conservative Leader William Hague is due to be scheduled for the near future.
- Contact has also been established with the Liberal Democrats.
- A literature review of relevant material in the UK and North America has been completed in order to provide for informed and strategic participation in public affairs.

International Issues

In international affairs, the MCB has been consistently reminding the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the need to pursue 'the ethical dimension' announced by the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, himself.

On Chechnya, Kashmir and Palestine and the status of Jerusalem, the MCB has conveyed the strength of Muslim feelings on these issues to the government, through delegations, letters, and even demonstrations. MCB has taken up issues where there have been clear violation of human rights and where appalling crimes against humanity have been committed.

Jerusalem

The MCB, in representations to Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, called on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) to 'marshal its diplomatic strengths, and through the EU particularly, to ensure that the status of Jerusalem is not altered. The British government should further ensure that no EU country should relocate its embassy to Jerusalem and should dissuade the US from doing so.

A detailed statement on the status and importance of Jerusalem was prepared by Dr Daud Abdullah and Jamil Sherif.

Kashmir

The MCB has written to Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook MP, before his visit to India to urge him to take a proactive role in resolving the problems of Kashmir and in bringing an end to the hundreds of thousands of killings, the brutality and the suffering of the Kashmiri people by Indian forces.

Chechnya

The MCB has been active in raising the issue of Chechnya. A meeting was held with Keith Vaz MP, Minister for Europe, to urge the Government to take firmer action to condemn and deter further Russian action in Chechnya. The MCB has also urged support for independent international investigations of human rights abuses and prosecution of those responsible. The MCB has twice written to Prime Minister Tony Blair, opposing his visit to Moscow and the visit to London of Russian President Vladimir Putin. The MCB press release opposing Putin's visit received considerable notice and alerted the press to the strong feelings of British Muslims. In association with various concerned organisations MCB members participated in demonstrations against the Putin visit and, the following day, at a meeting of the Anglo Russian Chamber of Commerce.

The MCB International Affairs Committee facilitated the visit of the Chechen Foreign Minister to Britain. They have been actively liaising with all the various campaigns concerned to raise awareness of the human rights abuses and atrocities in Chechnya and will continue to actively cooperate with such bodies.

Sentences on British citizens in the Yemen

Meetings were arranged with Foreign Office Minister, Mr Peter Hain, attended by lawyers and family members, MCB stand on the case presented at a press conference at Conway Hall in London and the Secretary General appeared on BBC's Newsnight programme. The British government's lukewarm position on this case is in marked contrast to the trial of Iranian Jews in Iran.

Other meetings of the International Affairs Committee

Several meetings were arranged and attended with regard to Chechnya, Kosova, Kashmir, Pakistan, Sudan, Bosnia, Macedonia and Albania including meetings with Dr Mary Banningson of the Chechnya Committee and Corin and Venessa Redgrave of the International Campaign for Peace and Human Rights for Chechnya. Tanzim Wasti chair of international affairs committee represented MCB at all these meetings.

MCB delegation met with Sudanese Parliamentary Delegation on visit to London and attended a reception for the Iranian Foreign Minister, Dr Kirazi and discussed the role of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and the situation in Chechnya. Nothing positive appeared to emerge from this meeting.

Third World Debt

The MCB, represented by its Business and Economics Committee, is fully involved in the Jubilee 2000 Campaign to get western leaders to 'drop the debt' of the world's most impoverished countries. Along with religious leaders, trade union officials, politicians and others, the Secretary General, Iqbal Sacranie addressed a rally in Trafalgar Square on 13 June 1999 in which he detailed the enormous burden faced by developing countries just to service the debt.

Genocide Remembrance Day

MCB Website

In a review of religious websites, The Times, 17 April 2000, noted: "Pioneering much of the work to give the Muslim community a strong and united voice is the Muslim Council of Britain (www.mcb.org.uk). This body is becoming the community's main instrument of liaison with the secular world, and here can be found the traditional Muslim views on controversial issues such as Section 28."

Participation in Conferences, Meetings and Seminars

The MCB has been represented at various national, European and international conferences during the past year. These include:

Basil Mustafa attended the conference in Vienna

Humera Kayani attended the Cardiff conference on

Muhammad AbdulAziz represented the MCB at a conference on Nationalism, Identity and Minority Rights organised by the University of Bristol in September 1999. Islam and Muslims featured in about 15 sessions and more than 25 papers.

Meeting with Paul Condon

Office bearers of the MCB met Sir Paul Condon, Chief Commissioner for the London Metropolitan Police, and his successor on 24 November.

Abdul Jalil Sajid attended the Wilton Park Conference and the installation of the new Catholic Archbishop of Westminster.

Iqbal Asaria attended a meeting at 11 Downing Street on the subject of Third World Debt.

Multi-faith Gathering in the House of Lords on 3 January attended by the Prime Minister and some cabinet ministers where the MCB highlighted various Muslim issues.

Eid functions at the House of Commons and 11 Downing Street were attended by MCB representatives.

Meeting on 24 January with the Conservative shadow Home Affairs spokesman on issues such as Census 2001, Religious Discrimination legislation and arrangements for meeting with the Conservative leader William Hague.

CWC members met (29 Jan 00) with Mr Bashir Khanbhai, Member of the European Parliament, about Muslim issues in a European context and the role of the MCB in the European Union and the European Parliament.

A seminar on Islam and the Media at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies attended by senior editors and media organisations from the UK and abroad.

The Education Committee represented the MCB at two conferences organised by the Department of Education & Employment.

The MCB Health and Medical Committee represented the MCB at the Organ Donation & Transplantation conference on 20 March 2000.

Chowdhury Mueenuddin represented the MCB at the conference on 'Health Media Guidelines - Chaplaincy in the NHS' on 23-24 February in Leeds.

Many MCB representatives participated in The Muslim News Awards for Excellence which presented a positive image of Islam and Muslims in Britain.

Section Three

Financial Summary

This summary will be presented separately by the Acting Treasurer, Misdaq Zaidi, together with the Statement of Accounts

Section Four

Looking to the Future

The Resolutions adopted at the 1998 AGM provide a yardstick for assessing MCB's activities over the past two years. However, several of the recommendations contained in these Resolutions – such as identifying and promoting good practice in community development or the need to sponsor social policy planning – still remain to be acted upon. They also provide firm guidelines and a valid framework for future MCB work and are therefore included in Appendix A.

There are no new policy resolutions being proposed by the current CWC and it would be up to the new CWC to reconstitute the Specialist Committees, the Committees and the Task Groups and appoint Chairpersons and Secretaries and for these committees to set SMART (Specific, Measurable, etc) targets for their work in the coming two years. Clear lines of responsibility, proper documentation of and publicity for work done by these committees and task groups need to be emphasised.

Many issues, challenges and problems will need to be tackled as they arise. However, in consolidating the infrastructure of the MCB and continuing and advancing its activities on behalf of Muslims in Britain, we highlight certain projects and areas of work which would need specific or constant attention.

The MCB Charitable Foundation - getting it off to a sound and active footing to create a stable and adequate economic base for the MCB

The Board of Counsellors - getting it properly constituted and working effectively to advise and support the MCB

Zonal representatives - emphasise the crucial responsibilities of active Zonal representatives to increase service development and delivery to regional and local communities and increase the number of MCB affiliates; examine the possibility of MCB Zonal Offices to support and enhance services development and delivery.

MCB Central Office - the need for more permanent staff as recommended and the relocation of the MCB Office to central London

Better communication with Muslim community and affiliates. Regular weekly email Bulletin and a regular quarterly Newsletter, The Common Good

Shari'ah councils - the need for coordination among existing councils to provide a lead on important questions of fiqh, such as moon sightings and the beginning and end of Ramadan and the observance of Eids; also guidance and practical help in a range of social needs and problems – marriage and divorce, fostering and adoption, custody of children etc.

Muslim 'Chaplaincy' in Hospitals - the need to encourage all Muslims communities to have Muslim care and support in all hospitals. Circulate and implement the excellent advice and guidelines already prepared

Islamic Education - work to ensure a basic minimum level of Islamic education for all

Professional development and placement - encourage Muslims to go into the teaching profession, social services, media and the creative arts

Muslim participation in public affairs - encourage greater participation of Muslims with integrity in public affairs

Manifestos of the political parties - initiate contacts and consultations and briefings to ensure that Muslim perspectives and concerns are reflected in the policies and programmes of the political parties for the forthcoming General Elections.

European Union and the European Parliament - need for active focus and concentration on these institutions as they increasingly impact on the lives of people in Britain; develop contact with MEPs and review legislation, programmes and financial resourcing in the European Union; develop closer relations and understanding with European Muslim organisations

Working with others in the wider society - continue to develop contacts, rapport and working relationships with institutions and organisations on matters of common concern such as the preservation of family values

Service Delivery - establish the principle and practice of always trying to help everyone seeking assistance wherever possible. May not be able to satisfy every query or request that comes in, but every request should be noted and, if not able to help directly, pass on request to others to try to help.

In Conclusion

We thank Allah Almighty for all His favours and we beseech Him for His guidance, help and forgiveness in what we do as individuals and as a community. May He guide us to ways that are pleasing to Him.

O Allah guide us, and guide others through us. Make us facilitators of all that is good and barriers to all that is evil.

Appendices

Appendix A

Resolutions adopted at the 1998 AGM

Resolution 1

In keeping with the MCB's Aim and Objective of **encouraging and strengthening all existing efforts being made for the benefit of the Muslim community**, the CWC should aim to

Maintain an awareness of projects and identify examples of good practice in various areas (e.g. youth projects, mosque administration, helplines etc) and promote skill transfer and knowledge sharing so that these experiences can be replicated and the facilities and benefits made available to a greater number of Muslims.

Resolution 2

In keeping with the MCB's Aim and Objective of **establishing a position for the Muslim community within British Society that is fair and based on due rights and working for the eradication of disadvantages and forms of discrimination faced by Muslims**, the CWC should aim to

sponsor social policy planning and demographic research, so that the community can prepare for the challenges ahead; maintain an awareness of the types of skill shortages that may be faced by projects & needs within the community (e.g. qualified teachers, administrators for Muslim schools, youth counselors, social workers etc.), encourage the acquisition of the necessary skills and training and promote the entry of Muslims into the required professions.

Resolution 3

In keeping with the MCB's Aim and Objective of **working for a more enlightened appreciation of Islam and Muslims in the wider society, and fostering better community relations & working for the good of society as a whole**, the CWC should aim to

Draw on experts in the community and MCB specialist bodies so that a well-informed response is provided to the media and the public at large on issues of concern; Plan & implement training programmes that would increase the community's expertise in media relations.

Resolution 4

In keeping with the MCB's Aim and Objective of **promoting cooperation, consensus and unity on Muslim affairs in the UK**, the CWC should aim to

Encourage regional cooperation between Muslim bodies, where appropriate through the formation of regional bodies where these do not exist, along the

lines of, say the various councils of mosques that are already members of the MCB; the MCB's zonal representatives would be well-placed to encourage such initiatives. Establish mechanisms by which Muslim organisations can be rapidly informed of matters of concern, so enabling the community to respond promptly and effectively in times of crisis.

Resolution 5

In keeping with the MCB's Aim and Objective of **establishing a position for the Muslim community within British society that is fair and based on due rights**, the CWC should aim to

Provide an informed, competent and authentic representation of Muslim interests to local and Central Government and other bodies. Plan and conduct effective public campaigns on issues of shared concern. Encourage fuller participation of Muslims in public affairs.

Resolution 6

In keeping with the MCB's Aim and Objective of **working for a more enlightened appreciation of Islam and Muslims in the wider society**, the CWC should aim to

Support, encourage and initiate programmes of education, work and social interaction which emphasize that: as human beings we all owe our existence to One Creator and Sustainer and that we need to acknowledge in gratitude His grace and power and our accountability to Him;

as Muslims we are required to promote what is good and beneficial & discourage what is bad and destructive for the individual and society as a whole; we are committed to work for a society that is based on pure faith, morality and good works and a society that is honest and hard-working, fair and caring; we are committed to work for a strong and stable Britain that will also work for compassion and justice abroad.

Appendix B

Office-Bearers, CWC Members & Committees

Office-Bearers

Secretary General
Iqbal Sacranie

Deputy Secretary General
Dr Basil Mustafa

Assistant Secretary General
Dr Abdul Bari

Acting Treasurer
Misdaq Zaidi

Members of the Central Working Committee

Prof Daud Noibi / Mr Maroof Adeoye - London
Dr Manazir Ahsan - Leicester
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Mr Mahmud Al -Rashid - High Wycombe
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Mr Sher Azam - Bradford
Mr Mohammad Baleem - Rochdale
Mr Younis Ballali - London
Mr Yousuf Bhailok – Preston*
Mr Khurshid Drabu- Hants*
Miss Basma El-Shayyal - London
Mr Muslehuddin Faradhi - London
Mr Abdul Wahid Hamid - London*
Mr Majdi Hasan - Manchester
Dr Suhaib Hasan - London
Mr Ibrahim Hewitt - London
Mr Mohammed Aslam Ijaz -London
Dr Abdur Raheem Khan- London*
Dr Ahmad Zaman Khan - Liverpool
Mr Mohammed Afzal Khan - Manchester
Dr Zakaullah Khan- London
Mr Sher Khan - London
Haji Ayub Laher - Bradford
Mr Bashir Maan - Glasgow
Mr Abdul Kadir Malek - London
Mr A H Masrur - London
Maulana Shoaib Ahmed Mirpuri - Birmingham
Dr. Mamoum Mobayed - Belfast
Mr Chowdhury Mueenuddin - London
Mr. Manzoor Moghal - Leicester
Mr Essam Mustafa - London

Mrs Karima Mustafa - London
Maulana Bostan Qadri - Birmingham

Dr Jafer Qureshi - Wolverhampton
Maulana Rashid Rabbani - Bradford
Mr Mohibur Rahman - London
Mr Raja Gul Raiz - Cardiff
Imam Saeedur Rehman - Walsall
Mr Farid Ahmed Reza - London
Mr Muhammad Riaz - London
Mr Mohammed Sabat - Leicester
Maulana Syed Sabzwary - London*
Imam Dr Abduljalil Sajid - Brighton
Mr Hassan Satti - New Malden
Maulana Syed Husain Shah - Glasgow
Mr Hussain Shefaar - London
Dr Jamil Sherif - London*
Maulana Ahmed Sidat - Blackburn
Maulana Sharif Ahmed Syed - Manchester
Mrs Najwa Abdul Wahab - Oxford
Mr Tanzim Wasti - New Malden
Mr Misdaq Zaidi - London
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MCB Specialist Committees

Media

Chair: Iqbal Sacranie
Deputy Chairman: Tariq Khan

Research & Documentation

Co-Chairs: AbdulWahid Hamid & Dr Jamil Sherif

Finance & General Purpose

Chair: Misdaq Zaidi

Sub-committees:

Finance and Fundraising: Chair: Yousuf Bhailok

Office Management: Chair: Dr Jamil Sherif

Membership

Chair: Dr Abdur Raheem Khan

Legal Affairs

Chair: Khurshid Drabu

Convenors: Suleiman Osman, Mahmud Al- Rashid

MCB Committees

Community Affairs

Chair: Dr Manazir Ahsan

Secretary: Ibrahim Jasat

Health and Medical Issues

Chair: Dr Jafer Qureshi, Dr Hasan Irfan
Secretary: Dr Khalid Anees

International Affairs

Chair: Tanzeem Wasti
Secretary: Zymer Salihi

Social Policy, Welfare and Regeneration

Chair: Dr AbdulJalil Sajid
Secretary: Mohammad Aslam Ijaz

Task Groups**Arbitration**

Co-chairs: Mufti Aslam, Maulana Bostan Qadri

Education, Training and Employment Task Group

Chair: Dr Nawazish Bukhari

Public Affairs

Chair: MohiburRahman

Youth

Chair: Basma El-Shayyal

Business & Economics

Chair: M Iqbal Asaria

Appendix C

List of MCB Paid-up Affiliates as at 10 May 2000

Association of Muslim Schools, Leicester
Co-ordinating Committee of Nigerian Muslim Orgs, London
Da'watul Islam UK & Eire, London
Federation of Students Islamic Societies (FOSIS), London
Indian Muslim Federation, London
Islamic Forum Europe, London
Islamic Society of Britain - National, Birmingham
Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith UK, Birmingham
Jamiat-e-Ulema Britain, Bradford
Muslim Association of Britain, London
Muslim Solidarity Committee, New Malden
Muslim Students Society UK & Eire, Manchester
Muslim Welfare House (London), London
Muslim Woman Society, London
Muslim Women's Association, London
Pakistan Welfare Association UK, Surrey
UK Action Committee on Islamic Affairs, Surrey
UK Islamic Mission (Euston), London
World Federation of KSIMC, Middx
World Islamic Mission (Central Office), London
Young Muslim Organisation UK, London
Young Muslims UK (Markfield), Leicestershire
Bolton Mosques Council for Community Care, Bolton
Confederation of Sunni Mosques Midlands, Birmingham
Council of Mosques, London & Southern Counties, London
Federation of Muslim Organisations - Leicestershire, Leicester
Islamic Forum Europe - North Branch, Sunderland
Lancashire Council of Mosques, Blackburn
Sussex Muslim Society, Sussex
Abdullah Quilliam Society, Liverpool
Albanian Islamic Society & Centre, London
Al-Hijrah School, Birmingham
Al-Jamiah Al-Islamiyah (Darul Uloom Lancs), Preston
Al-Muttaqiin, Surrey
Anjuman-E-Faroghe-E-Asa, London
Anjuman-e-Saifee, Leicestershire
Association of British Hujajj (Pilgrims), Birmingham
Association of Muslim Lawyers, High Wycombe
Association of Muslim Professionals, Cardiff
Association of Muslim Researchers, London
Association of Muslims With Disabilities, London
Baitul-Aman Islamic Mission, Wembley
Balham Mosque, London
Bazme Tolu-e-Islam, London, Essex
Bedford International Islamic Society, Bedford

Belfast Islamic Centre, Belfast
 Birmingham Central Mosque, Birmingham
 Blackpool Islamic Community Centre & Mosque, Blackpool
 Bolton Muslim Welfare Trust, Bolton
 Brent Islamic Circle, London
 Brighton Islamic Mission, Sussex
 Bristol Islamic Schools Trust, Bristol
 Brondesbury College For Boys, London
 Central Mosque (Jamia) Ghamkolvia, Birmingham
 Childrens Relief Fund, Markfield
 Dar Al-Arqam Islamic Centre, Bradford
 Dar Uloom Al-Arabiya Al-Islamiya (Bury), Bury
 East London Mosque Trust Ltd, London
 Edmonton Islamic Centre, London
 Education Aid, London
 Ethnic Community Voluntary Action, West Sussex
 European Institute Of Human Science, Ceredigion
 Friends of Al-Aqsa, Leicester
 Gardens of Peace, Muslim Cemetery Trust, Essex
 Gulzar-e-Madina Mosque, Leicester
 Halal Consumers Ltd, Birmingham
 Hanafi Sunni Muslim Circle - UK, Blackburn
 Harbour World Of Children, London
 Harrow Islamic Society, North Harrow
 Hinckley Muslim Association, Leicester
 Hounslow Jamia Masjid, Ashford
 Human Relief Foundation (London), London
 Human Relief Foundation (Main), Bradford
 Human Rights Society of Pakistan, London
 Ibn Rushd Society, Wolverhampton
 Indian Muslim Association, Leicester
 International Forum For Islamic Dialogue, London
 Interpal Palestinians Relief and Development Fund, London
 IQRA Trust, London
 Islamia Schools' Trust, London
 Islamic & Cultural Society of Harrow, London
 Islamic Academy, Cambridge
 Islamic Association of North London, London
 Islamic College, London, London
 Islamic Community Centre, Tottenham, London
 Islamic Computing Centre, London
 Islamic Council of Europe, London
 Islamic Culture and Education Centre, London
 Islamic Education Trust (Masjid Al-Falah), Leicester
 Islamic Educational & Cultural Centre, Birmingham
 Islamic Educational & Recreational Institute, Middx
 Islamic Forum Europe - Loughborough Branch, Loughborough
 Islamic Forum Europe - Manchester Branch, Manchester
 Islamic Forum Europe (London), London
 Islamic Foundation, Markfield

Islamic Information Centre (Hastings), St Leonards
 Islamic Relief (London), London
 Islamic Relief Agency (ISRA) (Birmingham), Birmingham
 Islamic Shariah Council, London
 Islamic Society of Britain - Bradford Branch, Bradford
 Islamic Society of Britain - Glasgow, Glasgow
 Islamic Society of Britain - Liverpool Branch, Liverpool
 Islamic Society of Britain - London, London
 Islamic Society of Britain - Manchester, Manchester
 Jame Mosque (Leicester), Leicester
 Jami Mosque and Islamic Centre, Birmingham
 Jamia Masjid (Blackburn), Blackburn
 Jamia Musjid (Doncaster), Doncaster
 Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith (Bradford), Bradford
 Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith (Derby), Derby
 Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith (Dewsbury), Dewsbury
 Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith (Leytonstone), London
 Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith (Maidstone), Maidstone
 Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith (Redhill), Redhill
 Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith (Skipton), Skipton
 Jamiat Ittihad UI-Muslimin (Glasgow Central Mosque), Glasgow
 Jamiate Nizame Islam, Birmingham
 Kafel Fund (UK), London
 Karima Institute, Nottingham
 Kashmir Council For Human Rights, Otterbourne
 Kokani Muslims - Golders Green, Middx
 Ladybridge Muslim Society, Bolton G.M.C
 Lebanese Muslim League, London
 Leeds Grand Mosque, Leeds
 Lewisham & Kent Islamic Centre (Catford), London
 Lewisham & Kent Islamic Centre (Chislehurst), Chislehurst
 Leytonstone Islamic Association, London
 Livingston Mosque and Community Centre, Livingston
 Madani Jamia Masjid (Huddersfield), Huddersfield
 Madinatul Uloom & Islamic Centre, Bradford
 Madras-E-Naqibul Islam, Blackburn
 Madressa Alarabia Alislamia, Glasgow
 Majlis Ulama-E-Shia (Europe), Middx
 Manchester Islamic Schools, Manchester
 Masjid Imam Bukhari - Leicester, Leicester
 Masjid Tauheedul Islam, Blackburn
 Masjide Al Hidayah, Blackburn
 Masjid-e-Anisul Islam, Blackburn
 Masjid-e-Falah, Preston Muslim Society, Preston
 Masjid-e-Irfan, Blackburn
 Masjid-e-Sajideen, Blackburn
 Masjid-e-Saliheen, Blackburn
 Masjid-e-Tabuk/ Evington Muslim Centre, Leicester
 Mauritian Islamic Welfare Association, London
 Mayfair Islamic Centre, London

Memon Association UK, London
 Muslim Aid, London
 Muslim Burial Council of Leicestershire, Leicester
 Muslim Care, London
 Muslim Community and Education Centre, London
 Muslim Cultural and Welfare Association of Sutton, Surrey
 Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre Trust, London
 Muslim Directory, London
 Muslim Doctors and Dentists Association, Birmingham
 Muslim Education Co-ordinating Council, East Croyden
 Muslim Education Forum, Bingley
 Muslim Educational Consultative Committee, Birmingham
 Muslim Educational Trust (London), London
 Muslim Investment Corporation Ltd, London
 Muslim Teachers' Association, London
 Muslim Welfare Association of Vale of Glamorgan, Vale of Glamorgan
 Muslim Welfare Board, London
 Muslim Welfare House (Glasgow), Glasgow
 Muslim Welfare House (Glasgow), Glasgow
 Muslim Welfare House (Newcastle), Newcastle upon Tyne
 Muslim Welfare House (Sheffield), Sheffield
 Muslim Welfare Institute, Blackburn
 Muslim Welfare Trust (Leicester), Leicester
 Muslim Women's Helpline, Wembley
 Muslim World League, London
 Muslimaat UK, London
 Narborough Road Islamic Centre, Leicester
 Nasserpuria Memon UK (Wembley), Wembley
 Neeli Mosque & Islamic Centre, Rochdale
 Omar Welfare House, Leeds
 Paigham-e-Islam Trust, Birmingham
 Pakistan Association - Leicestershire, Leicester
 Pakistani Association Liverpool, Liverpool
 Palestinian Return Centre, London
 Preston Muslim Girls Secondary School, Preston
 Preston Muslim Society - Jamea Mosque, Preston
 Preston Muslim Society - Masjid-e-Salaam, Preston
 Quranic Study Circle, Liverpool
 Redbridge & Chigwell Muslim Association, Essex
 Redbridge Muslim Womens Social Group, Essex
 Searah Studies Society, London
 Selbourne Muslim Welfare Society, West Yorkshire
 Shah Jahan Mosque (Woking), Woking
 Somali Speakers Association, London
 South London Mosque & Islamic Centre, London
 Southwark Muslim Women's Association, London
 Sunni Razvi Muslim Society, London
 Sutton Islamic Centre, Sutton
 Ta Ha Publishers, London
 Tawak'kuliah Islamic Society, Bradford

The Islamic Centre & Leicester Central Mosque, Leicester
 The Liverpool Islamic Institute and Mosque, Liverpool
 The Matliwala Family Charitable Trust, Preston
 Tottenham Mosque, London
 UK Islamic Education Waqf, London
 UK Islamic Mission (Birmingham Central), Birmingham
 UK Islamic Mission (Bradford), Bradford
 UK Islamic Mission (Burnley), Burnley
 UK Islamic Mission (Cardiff), Cardiff
 UK Islamic Mission (East Ham), London
 UK Islamic Mission (Glasgow North), Glasgow
 UK Islamic Mission (Glasgow), Glasgow
 UK Islamic Mission (Hull), Hull
 UK Islamic Mission (Keighley), Keighley
 UK Islamic Mission (Leicester), Leicester
 UK Islamic Mission (Liverpool), Liverpool
 UK Islamic Mission (Luton), Luton
 UK Islamic Mission (Manchester North), Manchester
 UK Islamic Mission (New Malden), New Malden
 UK Islamic Mission (Oldham), Oldham
 UK Islamic Mission (Peterborough), Peterborough
 UK Islamic Mission (Rochdale), Rochdale
 UK Islamic Mission (Sheffield), Sheffield
 UK Islamic Mission (South Birmingham), Birmingham
 UK Islamic Mission (Walsall), Walsall
 UK Islamic Mission (Wolverhampton), Wolverhampton
 UKIM (Manchester South), Manchester
 UKIM (Ibrahim Mosque, Plaistow), London
 UKIM (Masjid & Islamic Centre, B'ham), Birmingham
 UKIM (Nelson Branch), Nelson
 UKIM (Nelson), Nelson
 UKIM (New Malden Ladies Circle), New Malden
 United Islamic Association, London
 Waqf Al-Birr Educational Trust, London
 WF Noor Ul Islam Trust, London
 Wimbledon Mosque, London
 World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY), London
 World Islamic Association of Mental Health, Wolverhampton
 World Islamic Association of Mental Health, Wolverhampton
 World Islamic Mission (Midlands), Birmingham
 Worthing Islamic Society, Worthing