# Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of People Tell MAMA

# 1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To consider any issues arising from the Tell MAMA annual report 2015.

# 2 Summary

- 2.1 Upon The Tell MAMA Annual Report was launched in Parliament on 29th June this year. It highlights hate crime against Muslims in the UK. The report, entitled: The Geography of Anti-Muslim Hatred, looked at where Muslims reported hate crime against them. A number of interesting things were revealed:
  - The majority of hate crimes were directed at women who were visibly Muslim
  - The majority were perpetrated by white males
  - The majority occurred on or near an A Road or transport hub
- 2.2 11% of attacks were in places of education. In relation to this, one of the comments in the report is: It is important that headteachers, teachers, and safeguarding leads in schools are trained to deal with Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate (page 29).

#### 3 Recommendation

- 3.1 Many of the notable points relating to education are reflected well within the aims of the new Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus for RE through which schools are also given a steer to include Islam within their program of study.
- 3.2 SACRE members may wish to look at the Tell MAMA report in full and ask the local authority what further action is being taken in light of the report: what are the local authority and schools within the authority's area doing to ensure that Muslim pupils are kept safe?
- 3.3 The report is sizeable but can be easily accessed via the NASACRE website or at the Tell MAMA website: http://tellmamauk.org/

## 4 Background

4.1 No applications have been received at this time.

#### 5 Equal Opportunities

5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

### 6 Financial implications

6.1 There are no immediate financial implications

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