

**Full Council, 30 January 2018**

**Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Brian Gordon**

**Teaching, faith schools**

Council notes that the Government is undergoing consultations regarding the teaching of subjects of sex, sexuality and relationships in schools and Council welcomes this educational initiative

Council is aware that there are aspects of the teaching of sex, sexuality and relationships that would conflict with the ethos of some faith schools.

Council very much recognises and values the diversity of faith schools within this Borough, notes the excellent achievements of many of them and would not wish to see these schools undermined.

Council calls on the Government to allow faith schools to deal with the teaching of the said subjects only to the extent and in a manner consistent with their religious ethos, to ensure the Department of Education allows for this in its pending guidelines and to call on OFSTED inspectors to be sensitive and understanding of this when carrying out their inspections.