

Waverley Faith Forum

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Waverley Faith Forum will:

- Be a place where representatives of, and links to, faith, religious and belief communities can meet together with Waverley Borough Council to discuss issues of shared interest in the life of the Borough
- Be linked to Waverley's Strategic Partnership. The Faith Forum will have a minimum of one of its members also an active participant in the Waverley Strategic Partnership.
- Be a means through which Waverley Borough Council can better understand the needs of local faith communities, and through which local faith communities can hear about relevant Waverley Borough Council initiatives and services
- Act as a critical partner to Waverley Borough Council on the religion and belief strand of its Equalities and Diversity work, and hold the Council to account on its actions on faith-related issues
- Explore ways in which faith communities can become more involved in the life of the Borough, and any ways in which Waverley BC could work in partnership with faith communities to deliver joint objectives

Meetings

Meetings will take place regularly on a quarterly basis. Meetings may take place at more frequent intervals subject to need and subject to the wishes of the membership.

Meetings will be organised and facilitated by Waverley Borough Council staff. Waverley staff will also act as the secretariat function for the Faith Forum.

Meetings will be co-chaired by a member of Waverley Borough Council staff, and a representative member of the group as chosen by the group.

Membership

Membership of the Forum is open to anyone who is a bona fide link to faith, religious and belief communities in Waverley and who is prepared to commit time to participate in the Faith Forum. The Links should be in a position to communicate the needs of their communities and the barriers they face, as well as engaging productively with Waverley Borough Council.

As agreed in March 2009.