

PRESS RELEASE

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OFFICIAL LAUNCH THAMES VALLEY EAST MASAAJID COUNCIL

The Thames Valley East Masaajid Council (TveMC) represents 10 mosques and over 57,000 Muslims across the geographical footprint of Slough, Runnymede, Windsor, Maidenhead and South Buckinghamshire.

The TveMC is an apolitical platform whose primary objective is to identify and address issues affecting local Muslim communities, and representing their concerns in a coherent, unified, and constructive manner to appropriate statutory and non-statutory organisations.

The TveMC aims to represent the Muslim community, offering advocacy, advice and guidance services to Mosques, community groups, and individuals to develop effective partnerships and collaborate with statutory agencies and other organisations to shape future policies and service provision in the region.

Dr Arshad Jarra, Chair TveMC stated *“I am privileged to announce the formal launch of Thames Valley East Masaajid Council on this holy day of Eid Ul Fitr. Muslim communities make immeasurable contribution to shape and build British society and our mosques and other institutions provide a safe and healthy environment for performing religious duties as well as promoting peace and harmony between all communities. Whilst Muslim communities face similar challenges to the rest of the population, such as the increasing cost of living, crime, health inequalities, and local authority spending cuts, there is also a worrying concern about the swelling toxicity concerning immigration, Islamophobia and hate crime. We feel that local Mosques have a greater role to play in this environment to help maintain stability and cohesion between communities. Working closely with local Mosques, TveMC will provide an effective voice for the Muslim community and garner effective partnerships with statutory and voluntary organisations to develop safer communities and offer a better quality of life for all residents.”*

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Note to Editors

The Thames Valley East Masaajid Council (TveMC) is an overarching consortium of mosques based in Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead, Runnymede and South Bucks. TveMC represents local Muslim communities and strives to develop partnerships with statutory and non-statutory organisations as well as other religious communities to improve racial and religious harmony in the region.