



# **Council of Sri Lanka Muslim Organisations**

## **10th Annual General Meeting**



Date: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Venue: Al Furqan Masjid, Luton



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## Agenda

- Registration and Maghrib Prayers – 16:00
- Start of Meeting with Qirath by Ash sheikh Muzammil from Al-Furqan – 16:30
- Welcome by Sifan Naeem – 16:35
- Presentation from Al-Furqan Luton, Fawzy Kabeer – 16:40
- Matters arising from the last Exco meeting 14/07/2024- 16:50
- Update from President, Shakeer Nawas - 16:55
- Update from Secretary, Sifan Naeem - 17:20
- Update from Treasurer, Akram Azeez - 17:30
- Update from Sub-committee leads – 17:45
  - o Stakeholder – Haseen Naheem
  - o Events – Hussain Fiyaz
  - o Membership – Mohamed Junaid
  - o Media – Shakeer Nawas
- Constitution Amendment discussion 18:00
- AOB - 18:15
- Appointment of new Executive Committee - 18:30
- Short Speech by New President – 18:45
- Vote of Thanks - 18:50
- New Executive Committee Photograph – 18:55
- Closing Remarks and Isha Prayers – 19:00
- Dinner Following Isha Prayers – 19:30



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## President's Message

**Dear ExCo Members, Affiliates, Community Leaders and Supporters of COSMOS UK,**

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

As we gather for this 10th AGM at Al Furqan Masjid in Luton, I reflect with great satisfaction on the journey COSMOS UK has embarked upon in service of our communities both here in the UK and back in Sri Lanka. It has been an honour and privilege to lead this remarkable organisation over the past 3 years as President and before that period as General Secretary as 3 years. Together, we have witnessed tremendous growth, strengthened our networks, and made a meaningful impact through our collective efforts.

First, I must express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated Executive Committee members, affiliate organisations, and tireless volunteers. Your unwavering support, vision, and dedication have been the foundation of our achievements. Our work is possible only because of the trust placed in us by our affiliates, community leaders, stakeholders and the invaluable contributions of our supporters.

### **Key Achievements**

#### **Advocacy and Representation:**

COSMOS UK has continued to stand as a strong advocate for justice and equality, tackling critical issues affecting our communities.

- We engaged with the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) to highlight concerns surrounding the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) detainees and broader human rights challenges in Sri Lanka.
- All Party Parliamentary Group of Cosmos UK (APPG Cosmos) is playing a vital role and developed as a Bridge between Sri Lanka and Westminster in voicing for the Sri Lankan Muslims.







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- Through our meetings with notable Sri Lankan Presidents including Ranil Wickremesinghe, Maithripal Sirisena and MPs including M.A. Sumanthiran, R. Shanakiyan, Ali Sabry, G L Peiris, Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe we have addressed sensitive issues like MMDA reforms, Forced cremation, minority rights, and justice for political detainees, one country on law, PTA etc
- We presented key issues during productive discussions with the Sri Lankan High Commissioner, ensuring our concerns about the One Country One Law Task Force and other policies were heard.

### **Humanitarian Impact:**

COSMOS UK remains deeply committed to addressing the needs of the most vulnerable.

- In partnership with the Sylvia Lanka Foundation, we coordinated shipments of life-saving medical equipment worth millions of pounds to Sri Lankan hospitals. This initiative underscores our ability to mobilise resources for impactful humanitarian causes.
- Through our support for cataract eye surgeries and other healthcare initiatives, we continue to bring essential services to underserved communities.
- We proudly co-organised the launch of *Dying While Muslim in Masked Sri Lanka and In search our roots both authored by Lukman Harees* a book that sheds light on the forced cremation saga in Sri Lanka, raising awareness and inspiring collective action and other book attempt to impart the Sri Lankan history and values to young British Sri Lankans here in UK.
- We recognised many communities' prominent contributors in arts, media and writing name to few are B H Abdul Hameed - Broadcaster, Ishaq Baig - Singer, Lukman Harees - Writer / Author, Zara Mohamed - Secretary General of MCB

### **Strengthening Intercommunity and International Engagement:**

- Our affiliate SLIA celebrated its milestones such as 50th Anniversary.
- Independence Day events organised at the Sri Lanka High Commission and our affiliate organisations such as SLMCC Harrow, Al Furqan Luton, Masjid Al Jannah- Slough etc in fostering unity and highlighting our rich, cultural heritage to wider community.
- Our participation in events like the Westminster Abbey Independence Day celebrations and discussions on Islamophobia with Transport for London (TfL) has helped us bridge gaps,



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foster understanding, and build meaningful interfaith and intercommunity relationships here in UK

- Cosmos UK members contribution in Islamophobia month organised by Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) shows the Cosmos UK involvement in greater British Muslim Communities issues.
- Contribution and major role taken by Cosmos UK in organising Annual Iftar events in association with SLHC has become an annual calendar event to showcase our youngster's talent and bring all affiliates and members on one community table

### **Recognition and Success:**

The dedication and hard work of COSMOS UK and its affiliates have not gone unnoticed.

- Our affiliate, SLMCC-Harrow, received the prestigious Beacon Mosque Award in recognition of its exceptional contributions to the community.
- COSMOS UK itself was honoured as a finalist in the Muslim Council of Britain's "Greatest Impact on Minority Communities" Award, a testament to the collective efforts of our members and affiliates.
- Cosmos UK in association with Islam Channel arranged all Cosmos UK Masjid affiliates Jumma to record and air on Islam Channel.

### **Community Empowerment and Leadership Development:**

We believe in investing in the next generation to ensure a legacy of progress and resilience.

- COSMOS UK actively engages with youth leaders, offering platforms to share ideas and contribute to meaningful change. Events such as SLMCC Educational Awards, BMS (SLIF) Children Completion, SLMP Milton Keynes Student Awards etc.
- Our collaboration with cultural events with young children in events such as Independence day celebration, Iftar etc underscore our commitment to inspiring future leaders and impart the Sri Lankan Muslim cultural heritages.
- Through initiatives like our partnerships with the Muslim Council of Britain and other key stakeholders, we aim to create leadership opportunities that are inclusive and impactful.



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## Looking Ahead

While we have much to celebrate, our journey is far from over. The challenges faced by our communities—locally, nationally, and internationally—demand unwavering focus and sustained effort.

As COSMOS UK, we must remain steadfast in:

- **Expanding our influence** by building relationships with policymakers, media organisations, and international networks.
- **Strengthening our affiliates** to ensure a cohesive and coordinated response to emerging challenges.
- **Fostering inclusivity** by encouraging greater participation of youth, women, and underrepresented groups in leadership roles.
- **Advancing our humanitarian mission** by continuing to support healthcare, education, and grassroots initiatives in Sri Lanka and beyond especially during the economic hardship for many Sri Lankans.

## A Call to the Next Generation

Our successes today are built on the tireless work of those who came before us. As we chart the path forward, I call on the next generation of leaders to step forward. Your innovative ideas, bold visions, and unwavering commitment will be the driving force behind COSMOS UK's future.

Leadership is not simply about holding positions but about embracing the responsibility to uplift, inspire, and make a difference. I urge all members—especially our youth—to seize this moment and actively contribute to the work of our committees, affiliates, and wider network.

## Gratitude and Commitment

As I conclude, I wish to thank each one of you—our Executive Committee members, affiliate organisations, community leaders, and well-wishers—for your contributions over the past three years. Your support is a testament to the strength of our shared vision.

I wish to name few who have shown great unwavering support, encouragement, advice and greater engagement with me personally for the success in steering the ship of Cosmos UK. I fail in my duty if I don't mention Bro Lukman Harees, Adil Sardardeen, Hussain Fiyaz, Azaim Mohamed, Junaideen Mubarak, Rizwan Whab, Liyas Abdul Whaid, Haseen Naheem, Razeen Segu Izzadeen, Fawzy Kabeer,



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Ubaid Abdeen, Akram Aziz, Miskath Ahmad, Asik Asath, Rizni Hafeez and Sifan Naeem in greater contribution directly and indirectly to success of Cosmos UK. I also must appreciate our committee Chair's (Haseen Naheem - Stakeholder, Events - Hussain Fiyaz, Membership - Mohamed Junaid and Media - Liyas Abdul Whaid) and their members support along with Cosmos ExCo, Community Leaders, Affiliate members, Cosmos Public Group members contributions for the success of this umbrella organization.

I also take this opportunity to thanks the renewed greater engagement of APPG Cosmos members, MCB, FCDO, UHRC, SLSG members, WFSLM, BRISLA, APSL, SLMS, FoSL, Sylvia Lanka Foundation and many other British Sri Lanka organisation in Cosmos journey on developing mutual respect and cooperation and this is evident from messages and appreciation attached to this report.

I also wish to reiterate the greater cooperation and engagements with Sri Lanka High Commission in London has made great heights for Cosmos UK recognition and wish to Thank SLHC for their support and contribution during my tenure as President of Cosmos UK

Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones. Together, we can achieve even more. Let us move forward with unity, purpose, and a renewed commitment to building a brighter future for all.

May Allah (SWT) guide us, bless our efforts, and strengthen our resolve to serve our communities with integrity, compassion, and excellence.

I wish all the best to the new President and ExCo team in shaping the Cosmos UK, and I wish to remain as an harden supporter of Cosmos UK activities in future as Coopted member. In last 3 years we have attended / engaged over 140 events and organised many events which are summarised in these reports for greater understanding of the task ahead for new committee and I wish all the best.

**Thank you.**

Shakeer Nawas

President, COSMOS UK



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## Summary of Key Activities and Achievements

This outlines the significant activities and contributions made by COSMOS UK during the term from 2021 to 2024.

1. COSMOS UK AGM at SLMCC Harrow 19/09/2021
2. MMDA and Qazi System discussion with Journalist 08/10/2021
3. Adil -Vice President of Cosmos UK and member of MCB's Green Team nominated by the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) for a Radio interview on COP26 in Inspire FM Friday Live Show with Hafiz Shaban. 22/10/2021
4. Shakeer, a panellist on MMDA discussion, An Interfaith Dialogue on Child Marriage 23/10/2021
5. Hejaaz Hizbullah family request on PTA detention 25/10/2021
6. Honoured an invitation of the SLHC hosting Foreign Minister (FM) Hon Prof GL Peiris 27/10/2021
7. Group discussion on the appointment of Venerable Galagoda Aththe Gnanasara as Leader of the One Country on Law Task Force 02/11/2021
8. Promoting SLMCC Harrow for Beacon award 2021 – 04/11/2021
9. Attended the Bolton Conservatives Party Commonwealth Night, meeting Hon Mark Logan MP and Chris Green MP 04/11/2021
10. Honoured an invitation at Masjid Al Jannah – Slough Hifz completion ceremony 06/11/2021
11. Congratulations to Cosmos office-bearers from Hon Bob Blackman - MP for Harrow East and Co-Chair of APPG Cosmos UK 08/11/2021
12. Deepavali Celebrations at SLHC 19/11/2021
13. Signed a letter titled "Defeating the Spurious Constitution" letter prepared by leading SL civil movements, Human Rights activists and academic intellectuals 22/11/2021
14. Meeting with visiting SL MPs Hon M A Sumanthiran and Hon R Shanakiyan – 27/11/2021
15. Al-Furqan Luton admitted to COSMOS UK as an affiliate 29/11/2021
16. Cosmos UK was a Support Partner of the Book Launch of Bro Lukman Harees at SLMCC Harrow on 'Dying While Muslims in Masked Sri Lanka' about Forced Cremation saga in SL - 05/12/2021
17. Recognised Lukman Harees and Zara Mohamed and presented memorabilia 05/12/2021





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18. Meeting with General Secretary of MCB, Zara Mohamed 05/12/2021
19. Meeting with new SLHC Saroja Sirisena, discussion on MMDA, One Country One Law task Force, PTA Detainees 06/12/2021
20. Handed over a letter to HC condemning Horrific Vigilante killing in Pakistan 06/12/2021
21. Cosmos UK shortlisted as Finalist (out of 5) in the “Greatest Impact on Minority Community” Award Category by MCB 2021 - 11/12/2021
22. Honoured a SLHC invitation on Sylvia Lanka Foundation charity event for sending Medical Equipment to SL Hospitals – 12/12/2021
23. Attended Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) quarterly meeting 14/12/2021
24. Shakeer, panellist on discussion Human Rights situations in Sri Lanka 26/12/2021
25. Letter issued on One County One Law task Force 20/01/2022
26. Petition signed by members of all affiliates and public on One County One Law task Force 21/01/2022
27. Petition against MMDA Changes 22/01/2022
28. Meeting with Lord Sheikh 27/01/2022
29. Published e-petition results on One County One Law task Force and sent to Ministry of Justice in SL 30/01/2022
30. Independence Day Celebrations at Al-Furqan Luton 06/02/2022
31. Meeting with former MP Ali Zahir Mawlana at SLMCC 18/02/2022
32. Attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wat Heroes commemoration by British SL forum at HC 26/02/2022
33. Meeting with Founder of Zamzam Foundation Yousuf Mufthi 02/03/2022
34. Honoured an invitation from SLHC for dinner with Parliamentary delegation 15/03/2022
35. Meeting with National Unity Alliance, Shiraz Yunus 17/03/2022
36. Shakeer chaired the MCB National Council meeting 19/03/2022
37. Meeting with Claudia Webbe MP 28/03/2022
38. Press release urging Sri Lanka’s Political Leadership to act promptly in resolving public grievances and address root causes of the crisis 07/04/2022
39. Attended Candle Vigil event in solidarity with SL 13/04/2022





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40. UHRC meeting 14/04/2022
41. Joined a demonstration in London showing Solidarity for Galle Face Mass demonstrations 01/05/2022
42. Solidarity day at Westminster Square 08/05/2022
43. Shakeer Special guest at SLIA Eid Lunch 15/05/2022
44. Attended APSL AGM 21/05/2022
45. Attended The Grand Get together organised by SLMA Leicester 22/05/2022
46. Meeting with Claudia Webbe MP 22/05/2022
47. Invitation honoured for book launch by Lord Sheikh 26/05/2022
48. APPG COSMOS UK AGM – quorum not achieved - 06/07/2022
49. Invitation to Garden Event at Buckingham Place 07/06/2022
50. Sylvia Lanka Foundation Container Loading and Donation of £3000 by COSMOS UK 24/06/2022
51. Political dinner with MP Penny Mordaunt 27/06/2022
52. Al Furqan LLPL Invitation 03/07/2022
53. New Vice-President of COSMOS UK appointed 04/07/2022
54. APPG COSMOS UK AGM 06/07/2022
55. Aragalaya report handed over to APPG 06/07/2022
56. FCDO Meeting on SL 13/07/2022
57. Invite for an Interview by ITV London on SL Political Crisis 14/07/2022
58. Attended a BBC Radio program on SL political Crisis 15/07/2022
59. Arranged High Viz Jackets for SL Solidarity March in London 17/07/2022
60. MCB Discussion on Excellent Community Engagements with Zara Mohamed 22/07/2022
61. Islam Channel Jumma Live Telecast of Jummah Programs of all COSMOS UK Affiliate Majids (SLMCC, Al-Jannah, SLMC East London, SLMCFMK) July/Aug 2022
62. COSMOS UK tribute to the Late Queen Elizabeth II 09/09/2022
63. Meeting with Yousuf Mufthi founder of ZamZam Foundation 10/09/2022
64. Recorded and shared a condolence message in Sinhala to the late Queen for ITV Radio by Sifan Naeem 14/09/2022



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65. Invite for the Commonwealth Future Jubilee Dinner by BRISLA 16/09/2022
66. MCB National Council Meeting attended by Hussain Fiyaz 17/09/2022
67. SLHC Invitation honoured to event hosting HE President of SL Ranil Wickramasinghe 19/09/2021
68. Attended Lord Sheikh Funeral 22/09/2022
69. Meeting local Affiliates around Manchester 29/09/2022
70. Shakeer honoured an invitation from King Charles in Edinburgh 03/10/2022
71. Recognised and honoured BH Abdul Hameed and presented memorabilia 08/10/2022
72. Dinner with BH Abdul Hameed and Tamil Media personalities 12/10/2022
73. Attended event British Health Alliance 18/10/2022
74. Deepavali Celebrations at SLHC 27/10/2022
75. WFSL AGM and conference 29/10/2022
76. Invitation to Hela Sarana AGM 04/11/2022
77. MCB topic on Vision for British Muslims attended 04/11/2022
78. ODI meeting in London 07/11/2022
79. SLIA 50th Anniversary 19/11/2022
80. Meeting with Sylvia Lanka Foundation members and Hospital Services Council Director Ven Rajawelle Subhuthi Thero 04/12/2022
81. Meeting with Thariq Mahmood - Former President of Shoora Council of SL 09/12/2022
82. Sylvia Lanka Foundation members and Hospital Services Council Director Ven Rajawelle Subhuthi Thero at SLMCC 19/12/2022
83. FCDO officials today at Whitehall 05/01/2023
84. Container loading for Sylvia Foundation 13/01/2023
85. Medical equipment and Consumables at Base Hospitals- Akkaraipattu 28/01/2023
86. MCB AGM 28/01/2023
87. NPP Conference 29/01/2023
88. Westminster Abbey Independence Day Event 03/02/2023
89. Independence Day at SLHC, Children from COSMOS UK sang the National Anthem in Sinhala 04/02/2023



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90. Sylvia Lanka Foundation invitation on their Dinner Dance 11/02/2023
91. Supported WFSLM
92. Meeting Foreign Minister Mr Ali Sabry at the SLHC 14/03/2023
93. Reception at SLHC for outgoing deputy HC 27/03/2023
94. Iftar at SLHC 06/04/2023
95. Meeting with President of Muslim Council of SL and Muslim Media Forum of SL - NM Ameen 25/04/2023
96. MCB National Council Meeting 13/05/2023
97. APSL AGM 27/05/2023
98. Meet the Turkish Ambassador 03/06/2023
99. APPG AGM 06/06/2023
100. Meet MP Claudia Webb in Leicester 18/06/2023
101. Letter to RW via SLHC through APPG COSMOS 05/07/2023
102. Book donation to university 10/07/2023
103. Meet with Cabinet Minister, Mr Jeevan Thondaman 19/10/2023
104. Literature Award of BRISLA 20/10/2023
105. Meet with Lord Naseby 20/10/2023
106. Help Lanka Reception at Westminster 25/10/2023
107. Multiple Marches supporting Palestine Oct/Nov 2023
108. Meeting with HC HE Saroja Sirisena 13/11/2023
109. Formal Reception at HC 15/11/2023
110. Gaza Press release 22/11/2023
111. Meeting with the new HC HE Rohita Bogollagama 19/12/2023
112. Met with Harrow West Conservative Candidate Mr Abbas Merali 26/01/24 at SLMCC Harrow
113. Meeting with Minister Trevelyan at FCDO 31/01/2024
114. FCDO Meeting at Westminster 31/01/2024
115. Independence Day Commemoration Co-organized with SLMCC – Harrow on 02/02/2024
116. Independence Day Celebration at London Buddhist Vihara 03/02/2024



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117. Honoured the invitation of SLHC on Independence Day Celebrations at SLHC 04/02/2024
118. Reception for Diplomatic Mission Staffs on the 76th Sri Lanka Independence Day Celebrations at Landmark Hotel, Marylebone by SLHC 05/02/2024
119. Meeting at SLHC to Discuss Iftar Plans 20/02/2024
120. Iftar at SLHC 22/03/2024
121. APPG COSMOS 6th AGM at Westminster Portcullis House 08/05/2024
122. MCB National Council Meeting 07/08/2024
123. SLMP MK Student Awards Event 07/08/2024
124. Roundtable Meeting with TfL on Islamophobia 29/08/2024
125. Meet & Greet with Poet Ahnaf 11/09/2024
126. Meeting with Dr. Shafi Shihabdeen at SLMCC Harrow 12/09/2024
127. Meeting with Dr. Shaafi in Sheffield 15/09/2024
128. Well-wishing letters to the newly elected Sri Lankan leadership handed over to the SLHC 30/09/2024
129. Islam Channel Interview with Shakeer Nawas on Sri Lankan politics 03/10/2024
130. Participation in the Global Peace and Unity Festival 19/10/2024
131. Deepavali Celebrations at SLHC 29/10/2024
132. Dinner hosted by SLAAM Advisory Board Member for the High Commissioner 30/10/2024
133. Cataract Eye Surgery Coordination with "Our Society" – Ongoing
134. Personal Call with H.E. Rohita Bogollagama - Farewell and congratulations on COSMOS UK's contributions 13/11/2024
135. Honouring Abbas Meerali - Harrow West Candidate 20/11/2024
136. TfL Event on Hate Crime 22/11/2024
137. Participation in key discussions on Islamophobia Strategy at the London Muslim Centre 23/11/2024
138. Meet and Greet BH Abdul Hameed 23/11/2024
139. Muslim Aid Special Invitation on Muslim Aid Global Waqf Fund 30/11/2024\*



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## Minutes from the Last AGM

### *Meeting Overview*

- **Date & Location:** Sunday, November 13, 2022, at Kingsbury Islamic Cultural Centre (KICC).
- **Start Time:** 15:00
- **End Time:** 18:10

### *Agenda*

1. **Start of Meeting:** 15:00
2. **Welcome:** 15:05
3. **Matters Arising from Last Executive Committee Meeting:** 15:10
4. **Update from President:** 15:30
5. **Update from Secretary:** 16:00
6. **Update from Treasurer:** 16:15
7. **Topics for Discussion:** 16:30
8. **Update from Sub-committee Leads:** 17:00
9. **Any Other Business (AOB):** 17:15
10. **Next Steps & Actions:** 17:45
11. **Closing Remarks:** 18:00

### *Attendees*

- **SLAM:** Shakeer (President)
- **SLMCC:** Haseen, Mukshid, Sifan (Secretary)
- **SLMA Slough:** Junaid, Akram (Treasurer)
- **KICC:** Nafi
- **GWA:** Ikram
- **SLMASL:** Ubaid





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- **Al Furqan:** Azath
- **Co-Opted Members:** Mubarak, Azahim Mohamed, Liyas

### *Key Discussions and Actions*

#### Meeting Delays

- The meeting commenced **35 minutes late** due to unusually high traffic in the surrounding areas, allowing extra time for executives to arrive.

#### Approval of Previous Minutes

- **Mukshid (SLMCC)** proposed the minutes from the last executive committee meeting, which were seconded by **Ubaid (SLMASL)**.

#### Financial Update

- **Akram (SLMA)**, the Treasurer, presented the **COSMOS Accounts for the Past Year**, addressing various questions raised by attendees.

#### Engagement Initiatives

- **Shakeer (President)** emphasized the need for **greater engagement** from the executive committee, encouraging members to shadow him at events to enhance involvement.
- He highlighted the events attended by COSMOS since the last meeting and proposed increasing engagement with the **Muslim Council of Britain (MCB)**, including finding a replacement for **Br. Adil**.

#### Community Involvement

- **Ikram (GWA)** suggested organizing an **all-day event** to invite the wider community and involve youth in COSMOS activities.
- **Azath (Al Furqan)** and **Mubarak** proposed raising awareness of COSMOS among affiliate members to strengthen community ties.

#### Support Requests

- The **Sylvia Foundation** requested COSMOS's assistance in nominating hospitals to send medical equipment.





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- Plans were made for COSMOS to meet with local associations in **Slough** and another meeting to engage with associations from **Crawley**.

#### Membership Discussions

- The Membership Committee was tasked with following up on the possibility of co-opting **Br. Lukman Haris**.
- A request from the **Leicester Umbrella** to join COSMOS was discussed. Concerns were raised regarding the actions of each associate of the Umbrella.
- It was clarified that the request was not for executive membership but for collaboration as a single body working alongside COSMOS, with no executive rights extended to the Umbrella or its associates.
- A meeting was to be arranged between COSMOS executives and the **Leicester Umbrella Organisation** to discuss this further.

#### Closing Remarks

- The meeting concluded at **6:10 PM** with a recitation, marking the end of the formal proceedings.



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## Minutes from the Last Executive Meeting

### *Meeting Overview*

- **Date & Location:** Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024, online via Zoom.
- **Start Time:** 16:18
- **End Time:** 17:38

### *Agenda*

1. **Start of Zoom Call:** 16:00
2. **Welcome:** 16:05
3. **Matters Arising from the AGM on 26/11/2023:** 16:10
4. **Update from President:** 16:20
5. **Upcoming Events:**
  - a. Commonwealth Meeting – September
  - b. AGM – September/October
6. **AGM Preparation Discussion**
7. **Update from Treasurer:** 16:50
8. **Update from Secretary:** 16:55
9. **Update from Sub-committee Leads:** 17:00
10. **Any Other Business (AOB):** 17:10
11. **Next Steps & Actions:** 17:20
12. **Closing Remarks:** 17:25

### *Attendees*

- **SLAM:** Shakeer (President)
- **SLMCC:** Haseen, Mukshid, Sifan (Secretary)
- **SLMA Slough:** Junaid, Akram (Treasurer)
- **KICC:** Nafi



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- **GWA:** Ikram
- **SLMASL:** Ubaid
- **SLCAM:** Hussain Fiyaz
- **SLIF:** Jazeel
- **Al Furqan:** Azath
- **Co-Opted Members:** Mubarak, Azahim, Liyas
- **Apologies:** Abdurrahman

### *Key Discussions and Actions*

#### Opening

- The meeting commenced at **16:18** with a **Qirath** recitation by **Br. Shakeer**.

#### AGM Planning

- The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is scheduled for the end of **September**, as many members are on holiday.
- The January AGM was postponed due to **Ifthar** and **Independence Day** celebrations, and various commitments pushed it to July.

#### Leadership Transition

- **Br. Shakeer** expressed his desire to pass on the presidency to a new leader rather than continuing in the role.
- **Br. Jazeel** suggested that it would be better for someone else to take over, and the committee could request other executives to consider leadership roles.
- **Br. Ikram** emphasized the need to consult the **Constitution** regarding the selection of the next leader.
- **Br. Ubaid** proposed writing to each affiliate to confirm the current executive list and encourage them to host events.



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### Member Engagement

- **Br. Rizwan** stressed the importance of not delaying the AGM and suggested increasing affiliate involvement. He noted that member participation had been poor and emphasized the need for new members.
- **Br. Hidayathulla** acknowledged **Br. Shakeer's** significant contributions and highlighted that the new committee must be prepared to invest similar time and effort into COSMOS.
- **Br. Ikram** echoed these sentiments.

### APPG Validation

- The committee successfully validated the **All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG)**, which was challenging due to new restrictions.
- **Br. Hassen** (Stakeholder Chair) and **Br. Fiyaz** (Vice President) were recognized for their efforts, particularly in the northern regions.

### Commonwealth Meeting

- Discussions were held regarding an upcoming **Commonwealth meeting**. The committee needs to gather information and may reach out to **Sri Lankan organizations** to address potential issues affecting Muslims in the north.
- A suggestion was made to create a **COSMOS support group** to involve more professionals.

### Membership and Sponsorship

- **Br. Liyas** applied for **United Nations** membership.
- **Br. Jazeel** emphasized the need for insights from Sri Lankan experts and expatriates.
- **Br. Rizwan** cautioned about the motives behind the Commonwealth meeting, particularly regarding Tamil suggestions.
- **Br. Ubaid** proposed discussions with Muslim political parties in Sri Lanka.
- **Br. Akram** was tasked with sharing relevant information within the executive committee.

### Financial Matters

- The **Ifthar** event was fully sponsored, with **£400** repaid to **Br. Haseen** for **Ifthar 2023**. The remaining **£600** was requested by **Br. Haseen** to be written off as a personal donation.



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- A **£100** sponsorship for **NM Ameen**'s paper was agreed upon, with **Br. Akram** responsible for the payment.
- **Br. Akram** will prepare the full accounts for the AGM.
- Plans were discussed to sponsor books for the **Eastern University** and **Madi Alahan** to support educational initiatives.
- **Br. Ubaid** will coordinate with Crawley and request two executives for assistance.

#### Membership Committee

- The membership committee was tasked with providing updates and recommendations.

#### *Closing Remarks*

- The meeting concluded at **17:38**.



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## Secretary's Note

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

Dear members of COSMOS UK, and distinguished guests,

It is an honour to stand before you today as the outgoing Secretary of COSMOS UK. I begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for placing your trust in me to serve in this role. This past term has been an immensely rewarding journey, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the continued success of this incredible organization.

I sincerely hope that the trust and faith you placed in me have been upheld through my efforts and dedication. It has been my privilege to serve this organization, and I have strived to fulfil my responsibilities with commitment and integrity.

I would like to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to those who have supported me throughout this journey. To our esteemed President, Br Shakeer Nawas, your visionary leadership and tireless efforts have inspired us all and guided COSMOS UK to new heights.

To our Vice President, Br Hussain Fiyaz, thank you for your continuous support and guidance. Your dedication and insight have been invaluable in ensuring the smooth functioning and success of our initiatives.

To Br Razeen Segu, President of SLMCC, thank you for your encouragement and advice. Your leadership has provided a strong foundation for COSMOS UK, and your unwavering support has been a source of strength.

To our senior co-opted members, Br Junaideen M Mubarak, Br Rizwan Wahab, Br Liyas Abdul Wahid, and Br Azahim Mohamed, your mentorship and guidance have been instrumental in shaping the organization's success. To the rest of the Executive Committee, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your hard work and commitment. A special mention goes to Br Adil Sardardeen for







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his meticulous assistance with document preparation and to Br Ikram Ilyas for facilitating our online meetings through GWA.

Reflecting on the past term, I am incredibly proud of the work COSMOS UK has accomplished. Among our significant achievements is the strong bond we have cultivated with the Sri Lankan High Commission, working closely with two different High Commissioners during this period. This partnership has not only strengthened our presence within the UK Sri Lankan community but also elevated our recognition within political and influential circles across the UK, Alhamdulillah!

I have also taken the opportunity to highlight the Key Activities and Achievements of COSMOS UK in the report presented at this AGM. These accomplishments are a testament to the collective passion and effort of our members. I want to extend my gratitude to everyone who contributed to these successes—your dedication has made these achievements possible.

As I step down from this role, I do so with immense pride and gratitude. Serving as Secretary has been an honour, and I look forward to continuing to support COSMOS UK in whatever capacity I can. I am confident that the incoming leadership team will continue to build on our successes and steer the organization to even greater accomplishments.

In closing, I want to thank you all once again for your trust, encouragement, and collaboration. Together, we have shown the power of unity, the strength of community, and the impact of a shared vision. Let us continue to work together to make COSMOS UK a beacon of service, excellence, and inspiration.

JazakAllah Khairan,

**Sifan Naeem**

General Secretary

COSMOS UK



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## Treasurer's Financial Report

	2022	Jan - Dec 2023	Jan - 17th Oct 2024
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure</b>			
<b><u>Membership</u></b>			
GWA UK		£180.00	
KICC		£180.00	
MIHDAD MJ SLMASL		£180.00	
SLMCC		£240.00	
		<u>£780.00</u>	
<b><u>Specific Projects</u></b>			
INTER BUILD AID contribution towards last year			
Freight cost		£80.00	
IFTAR 2023 & 24			
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Well - wisher		£650.00	
GLEN CARIER			£400.00
BODY CARE UK			£260.00
DASA UMB LTD			£500.00
BLOSSOM DRYCLEANER			£200.00
EXEL SOLUTIONS LTD I			£500.00
JAYAWEERA K			£300.00
Total Donations		<u>£650.00</u>	<u>£2,160.00</u>
Expenses		<u>-£1,050.00</u>	<u>-£1,789.56</u>
Net Surplus		<u>-£400.00</u>	<u>£370.44</u>
<b><u>Other Expenditure</u></b>			
BOOK SPON CANADA		-£153.00	
MOHIDEEN B		-£50.00	
V RAMARAJAHA		-£100.00	



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Independence Day		-£210.00
Wattilappam ex-soldiers' event		-£140.00
N M Ameen - Paper		-£102.90
BRITANNIA LTD, Cosmos UK cancer p		-£50.00
Poet Ahnaf		-£50.00
Other Overheads		
MCB membership	-£300.00	
	<u>-£603.00</u>	<u>-£552.90</u>
<b>Net surplus / deficit</b>	<b>-£143.00</b>	<b>-£182.46</b>

#### Funded by

Net Reserve	£632.60	£489.60	£307.14
Loan o/s		£400.00	
Bank Balance	<u>£632.60</u>	<u>£889.60</u>	<u>£307.14</u>

Our Special thanks to go to our affiliate's contribution for the following projects.

Independence Day Expenses by Al SLMCC Harrow 2024

Ifthar 2023 and 2024 at SLHC supported by many COSMOS UK supporters.

We sincerely Thanks Br Rizni Hafeez - Founder Treasurer of Cosmos UK for his continued support for Cosmos UK

Jazakamullahu Khiran. May Allah accept our efforts and reward abundantly all those who supported by various ways for the noble causes by COSMOS UK.

Prepared by:

**Akram Abdul Azeez**

Treasurer

COSMOS UK



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## List of Representatives from COSMOS Affiliate Nov 2024 onwards

	<b>Affiliate</b>	<b>Rep #1</b>	<b>Rep #2</b>	<b>Rep #3</b>
1	Sri Lankan Muslim Community – SLMC (East Ham)	Samoon Azmath	Noushad Abosaly	Abbas Muthalif
2	SL Islamic Association	Gaz Hameed	Khalid Malar	Hilardeen Ossman
3	Sri Lanka Muslim Cultural Centre - SLMCC (Harrow)	Arshad Ibrahim	Haseen Naheem	Sifan Naheem
4	Sri Lanka Muslim Association UK - SLMA (Slough)	Uzair Omerdeen	Mohamed Akram Abdul Azeez	Mohamed Junaid
5	SLIF UK	Jazeel Fazy	Naseer Zubair	VMA Mohamed
6	SL Liverpool Association of Muslims (SLLAM)	Zahir Ziyard	Adil Sardardeen	
7	Galhinna Welfare Association	Hidayatullah Hanifa	Ikram Ilyas	
8	Assembly of Sri Lankan Muslims (ASLMuslims)	Shakeer Nawas		
9	Inter Build	Nameez Ibrahim		
10	Kingsbury Islamic Cultural Centre - KICC	Nafi Juwardeen		
11	Luton - Al Furqan	Fawzy Kabeer		
12	Masjid Abrar (Leicester)	Murzi		
13	Sri Lankan Bolton Community UK - SLBC	Anif Amanullah		
14	Sri Lankan Integrated Cultural Association Gr. Manchester & Northwest - SLICAM	Hussain Fiyaz		
15	SL Muslim Association South London (SLMASL)	Mohamed Zainul-Abideen		
16	SL Muslim Community Foundation of Milton Keynes - SLMCFMK	Shameel Aliyar		
17	SL Muslim Welfare Association of West Yorkshire (SLMWA of West Yorkshire)	Imtiyaz Kamal		



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## **Co-opted members of COSMOS UK as of Nov 2024**

1. Junaideen Mohamed Mubarak
2. Azahim Mohamed
3. Rizwan Wahab
4. Lyas Abdul Wahid
5. Hussain Fiyaz
6. Shakeer Nawas (Automatic membership for the next term)

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

Memorandum of Understanding with SLMA Leicester 2023



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## COSMOS UK Stake Holder Committee Outcomes

### *Purpose*

COSMOS UK is dedicated to raising awareness and lobbying policymakers to shape or influence policies affecting Sri Lankan Muslims. With a commitment to peaceful and professional advocacy, the organization fosters relationships across political, diplomatic, and community domains to address critical issues impacting the community.

### *Key Engagements and Activities*

#### 1. Strengthening Relationships

- **All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG):** Actively collaborating to represent Sri Lankan Muslim interests in UK Parliament.
- **Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO):** Participating in quarterly meetings to address Sri Lankan matters.
- **Sri Lankan Embassy:** Enhancing ties through events like Independence Day celebrations, ambassadorial meetings, and Iftar gatherings in Parliament.
- **Networks and Affiliations:** Partnering with organizations such as the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB), interfaith groups, and key UK policymakers to broaden support.

#### 2. Policy Advocacy

- Addressed issues such as:
  - **Mandatory Cremation:** Advocated for religious rights and freedoms.
  - **Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act (MMDA):** Actively engaged in discussions to modernize the act while respecting cultural nuances.
- Ongoing dialogue with stakeholders, policymakers, and community representatives to ensure the inclusion of Sri Lankan Muslim voices in policy discussions.

#### 3. Youth Engagement

- Initiatives to nurture a sense of identity and belonging among Sri Lankan Muslim youth in the UK.





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- Promoting leadership, political participation, and involvement in policymaking among the younger generation.

#### 4. Operational Milestones

- APPG membership expanded from 13 to a target of 30 members.
- Hosted structured events to improve visibility and strengthen diplomatic ties, such as ambassadorial lunches and meetings with Sri Lankan Muslim MPs.
- Delivered quarterly updates to APPG and participated in the annual AGM (last held in April 2021).

#### *Enablers Supporting the Mission*

To sustain its impact, COSMOS UK has built the following key capabilities:

- **Affiliations:** Engaged global and local professionals to create a robust network of expertise.
- **Media and Communication:** Improved outreach through strategic communication initiatives.
- **Financial Resources:** Effectively mobilized resources to support advocacy and operational efforts.

#### *Looking Ahead*

In the coming year, COSMOS UK aims to:

- **Expand Engagement:** Continue collaborations with the APPG, FCO, and Embassy while identifying new stakeholders.
- **Youth Leadership Development:** Launch programs that empower younger members of the community.
- **Address Emerging Issues:** Focus on tackling key policy matters such as immigration and minority rights in Sri Lanka.
- **Membership Growth:** Strengthen APPG membership and broaden community representation.

COSMOS UK remains committed to championing the rights and well-being of Sri Lankan Muslims while fostering inclusivity and building long-lasting partnerships.



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## COSMOS UK Membership Subcommittee Report

### *Introduction*

On November 29, 2023, I was honoured to be appointed as the lead of the New Membership Subcommittee, comprising seven dedicated brothers. Our primary objective has been to expand Cosmos's affiliate base, which currently includes 17 organizations, among them a few Sri Lankan origin mosques.

### *Current Landscape*

In the UK, there are approximately 15 to 17 Sri Lankan origin mosques. This presents a significant opportunity to engage with those not yet affiliated with Cosmos. Notable mosques identified for potential affiliation include:

- Masjid Ansar
- FIDA
- Masjid Islah
- Crawley Mosque

Additionally, several town-based Sri Lankan Muslim associations, such as those from Jaffna, Madawala, Darga Town, Mawanella, Akurana, and Colombo, represent potential affiliates.

### *Subcommittee Efforts*

The brothers in the subcommittee have been proactive and supportive. They initiated contact with several of the organizations and arranged tentative meetings to discuss potential affiliations. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to them for their unwavering commitment.

### *Challenges Faced*

This past year presented significant challenges for me, Brother Uzair, and Brother Akram, particularly in our roles as trustees at Masjid Al Jannah. We were compelled to divert considerable time and energy to address pressing issues within the mosque, which coincided with our



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professional responsibilities. Consequently, we were unable to dedicate the necessary attention to the objectives of the New Membership Subcommittee.

### *Acknowledgments*

I would like to acknowledge the leadership of Brother Mukshid, under whose tenure we successfully signed up Al Furkan. Their affiliation has significantly contributed to Cosmos's mission. I also express my sincere appreciation to the entire team for their collective efforts and support.

### *Conclusion*

Expanding our affiliate base is crucial for strengthening Cosmos's reach and impact. I am confident that, with continued dedication and collaboration, we will achieve our objectives and further our organization's mission.

Thank you.

**Mohammed Junaid**

Head of Members Sub Committee



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## Acknowledgments

*COSMOS - UK would like to express its gratitude to all members, affiliate organisations, and partners for their support, dedication, and contributions toward achieving the goals of our community.*

## Thank You

*We extend our thanks to everyone who participated in and supported this AGM. Special mention to Masjid Al-Furqan in Luton for hosting us today.*

Report Prepared by:

**Sifan Naeem**

General Secretary 2021-2024

COSMOS UK

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## Endorsements of COSMOS UK

*H.E. Rohitha Bogollagama,*  
*- High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to the United Kingdom*



*High Commissioner*

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

### Message from H.E. Rohitha Bogollagama, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to the United Kingdom

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to the Council of Sri Lankan Muslim Organizations, UK (COSMOS UK), on the occasion of your 11th Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 24 November 2024.

Since its establishment, COSMOS UK has served as a vital platform uniting Sri Lankan Muslim communities in the UK. Your efforts to promote collaboration, innovation, and community engagement have strengthened the bonds among Sri Lankans abroad while contributing to the social and economic development of both the UK and Sri Lanka.

I commend the Association's impactful initiatives, particularly in the fields of education and charitable activities, as well as your unwavering commitment to fostering communal harmony and preserving cultural values. COSMOS UK's dedication to uplifting the Sri Lankan diaspora is truly inspiring and worthy of the highest recognition.

As you mark this significant milestone, I extend my heartfelt wishes for the continued success of COSMOS UK. May your endeavours further enrich and empower the Sri Lankan community in the UK and beyond.

**Rohitha Bogollagama**  
High Commissioner

29 November 2024



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*Lukman Harees*

*- Author, Writer, Human Rights Activist and Political Commentator*

### In the Name of Allah

Alhamdu Lillah, a journey of twelve years is indeed much memorable. For the Sri Lankan Muslim community based in the UK, the formation of COSMOS in 2012 was indeed a landmark event. During this journey over the years, cosmos has taken the lead to unify the SL Muslims organisations working in the UK and consolidate their efforts for common good. Of course, there were many ups and downs to surmount. However, the fact that Cosmos has come a long way, with all its strength, amid many formidable challenges and persevered much to represent our community's interests, speaks for itself, and underlines the imperative need for such an umbrella organisation.



The years ahead will have more formidable challenges for the Muslims both in the UK and Sri Lanka. In this context, cosmos' may need to revisit its strategies to meet those challenges.

I wish Cosmos every success in the years ahead, and may it go from strength to strength to continue its pivotal role in the affairs of our community.





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*Rizwan Wahab*

**- Past President Cosmos UK, Chairman World Forum for Sri Lankan Muslims**

On the eve of the AGM of Cosmos UK

It gives me great pleasure to send this message as Past President of Cosmos UK, and present Chairman of World Forum for Sri Lankan Muslims.

For the past twelve years Cosmos UK as an umbrella organisation, has developed as a unified voice of the Srilankan Muslims expatriate community in the United Kingdom.

The efforts, commitment and dedication of past presidents of cosmos UK and the current president Mr. Shakeer Nawas drive, determination and commitment have brought Cosmos UK to a greater height.

The Sri Lankan Muslim community in UK and in Srilanka has recognised the important and valuable contributions of cosmos, being in the forefront, highlighting the issues and concerns of our community working closely with the UK government, through APPG and establishing good relationship with the Srilankan High Commission and other UK organisation such as MCB.

Our community has gone through hard, difficult and fractured times both in Sri Lanka and UK. I strongly believe and advocate how all communities to come together to confront racism wherever it raises its ugly, nasty head, notably where religious conflict rife as in our motherland. Until our community can live and prosper in our country and further afield, parity and equality has not been achieved.

I wish Cosmos UK a great success in years to come.

Together, WFSLM and COSMOS can foster engagement and relationship to uplift, enhance, and empower our community with utmost commitment.





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*Dr Zimar Sivardeen*  
**- Chair of British Sri Lankan Association (BRISLA)**

COSMOS UK has proven to be an excellent voice for the 26 Muslim organisations in the UK it represents.

I have seen its impressive development over the last 12 years.

Under the leadership of Mr Shakeer Nawaz, COSMOS UK has become an important umbrella body representing the British Sri Lankan Muslim community.

COSMOS UK is a highly respected body with a mature APPG.

COSMOS UK has a proven track record and is a very important organisation in the British Sri Lankan space. Its voice is recognised and heard by both the Sri Lankan High Commission in the UK and Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in London.

We hope it continues to grow and wish it future success.





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*Dr. Rayes Musthafa*

*- Consultant Paediatrician and Chairman, Abrar Foundation (for Education – Empowerment Nation Building)*

Respected Members, Distinguished Guests, and Esteemed Community Leaders,

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

It is an honour and a privilege to send this message to the distinguished gathering of the Council of Sri Lankan Muslim Organisations in the UK (COSMOS).

I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all those who have worked tirelessly to bring us together for this vital initiative. This gathering embodies our shared commitment to cultivating a united and flourishing community that treasures its Sri Lankan heritage while actively enriching the broader British society, where we proudly embrace our role as integral and contributing British citizens.



As a British Muslim with Sri Lankan heritage, we are blessed with a unique identity and a legacy of resilience, compassion, and dedication. However, in an increasingly interconnected and competitive world, it is essential for us to come together under a broader umbrella like COSMOS to energise and empower our community. By doing so, we can amplify our voices, strengthen our networks, and establish ourselves as a visible and impactful force within the UK.

As British citizens in the West, we hold a unique position of influence within the global socio-political landscape. It is our responsibility to leverage this opportunity to support Sri Lanka's socio-political and developmental progress, while remaining deeply connected to the roots that nurtured us during our formative years. I firmly believe that COSMOS has a significant role to play in this vital endeavour.

### **The Importance of Unity and Organisation**

Our community is home to many vibrant local organisations working tirelessly to address the needs of their respective areas. These organisations are doing an outstanding job, addressing pressing issues and providing essential services at the grassroots level. Yet, we must recognise that the challenges we face today demand a unified approach that transcends local boundaries.



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While these local efforts remain indispensable, participating in COSMOS activities provides an opportunity to link these smaller initiatives into a powerful network. It is often said that “network is net worth,” and this holds especially true for communities like ours. By fostering collaboration and sharing resources, we can achieve far greater outcomes than working in isolation. A unified platform such as COSMOS not only enhances our collective visibility but also helps us exchange best practices, build capacity, and advance the shared objectives of our organisations.

### **A Call to Our Professionals and Leaders**

As a passionate advocate for social entrepreneurship, I firmly believe that the strength of any community lies in its ability to leverage the skills, talents, and experiences of its members. We are fortunate to have an abundance of professionals, entrepreneurs, and leaders within our community who are making remarkable contributions in their respective fields. It is crucial for these individuals to actively engage with COSMOS, offering their expertise and leadership to drive our collective progress.

Through COSMOS, we can build platforms for mentorship, professional development, and collaborative initiatives that benefit both our community and the broader society. By investing in our unity, we are investing in a legacy of empowerment and achievement that will benefit generations to come.

### **Unity is Strength**

The Quran reminds us that unity is both a blessing and a responsibility. Together, we can accomplish what none of us can achieve alone. Unity is strength, unity is empowering, and unity is achieving. By standing together, we not only uplift our own community but also set an example of excellence and collaboration for others to follow.

Let us make a collective effort to strengthen COSMOS as a platform for all Sri Lankan Muslim organisations in the UK. Let this council serve as a bridge that connects our local efforts to a broader vision, empowering us to address challenges, seize opportunities, and make a meaningful impact.

In closing, I wish COSMOS great success in all its endeavours. May this AGM mark the beginning of a new chapter of collaboration, growth, and achievement for our community.

Let us work together, hand in hand, to ensure that the Sri Lankan Muslim diaspora in the UK is united, empowered, and thriving.



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*Amal Abeyawardene*  
**- Director The Friends of Sri Lanka Association (FoSLA)**

The Friends of Sri Lanka Association (FoSLA) pays tribute to the work and efforts of COSMOS and its leadership in guiding Sri Lankan Muslims in Britain.

COSMOS continues to play a responsible and important role in providing a voice to the many Sri Lankan Muslims in Britain and in fostering unity, peace and harmony amongst people of all backgrounds, faiths and ethnicities both in Sri Lanka and in the UK.

The Friends of Sri Lanka Association representatives are pleased to be invited to COSMOS events and commend your efforts in reaching out to people across the wider Sri Lankan diaspora communities.

The Friends of Sri Lanka Association looks forward to engaging with COSMOS in the future.







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*Miskath Ahamed*

**- Sri Lanka Muslims Society UK (SLMS UK)**

Assalamu Alaikkum

To: The President and the Executive Committee members of Council of Sri Lankan Muslim Organisations

On behalf of the Sri Lanka Muslims Society UK (SLMS UK), we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to COSMOS UK. We also pray for the continued success of your invaluable community services.

This AGM is just one step in your ongoing journey. Your tireless efforts to find solutions to the challenges faced by the Sri Lankan Muslim community in the UK are truly commendable.

We thank you for all the great work you are doing for the betterment of the Sri Lankan Muslim community. SLMS UK looks forward to working with COSMOS UK to strengthen the cohesiveness and raise awareness of the activities of both our organisations.

Once again, congratulations on your fantastic work!

Sri Lanka Muslims Society UK (SLMS UK)

**SLMS UK**  
SRI LANKAN MUSLIM SOCIETY UNITED KINGDOM



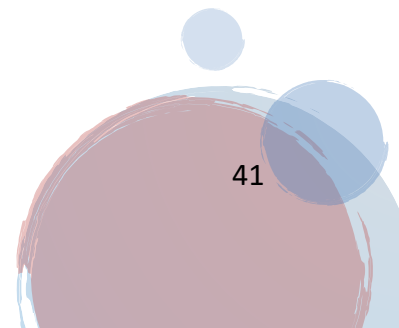


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*Thushara Madurasinghe*  
**- Trustee APSL**

It is with great honour I take this opportunity to present this message to COSMOS on behalf of the Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK. I have had the privilege of attending many events that have been organised by Shakeer and his team. The impact that the organisation has had on various Sri Lankan communities and how it engages the younger generation is truly inspiring.

On the day of this Annual General meeting, I wish COSMOS yet another very successful and productive year full of many engaging and fruitful activities





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*Dr. Feroz Mubarak Messenger*

*- General Practitioner and Clinical Director in Primary Care SAS, Secretary General of the Universal Human Rights Council in Geneva*

Assalamu Alaikkum,

I would like to CONGRATULATE COSMOS on its 12th year of success in representing Sri Lankan Muslims and their Political and Social concerns to the wider Political and social platforms in the United Kingdom, MashaAllah. May Allah guide them to succeed in their noble course for the benefit of our community, Ameen.

The formation of COSMOS in 2012 did not only mark the UNITY amongst our community by the consolidation of representatives from Organisations run by SriLankan Muslims in the United Kingdom but also a landmark for the recognition of the voices of SriLankan muslim on higher Political, social and diplomatic platforms in the UK. This, in real terms, meant that political and social issues concerning SriLankan Muslim in the UK as well as in Sri Lanka was made possible to be heard by an audience reaching wider Political and legislative decisions makers both in the UK and SriLanka through COSMOS.

For Srilankan Muslims, a population which was previously seen as politically insignificant in regional and National conflicts, took a turn so internationally significant that concerns and opinions generated

by UK based Social, welfare, political as well as charity organisations became possible, through the representation of COSMOS, to reach Government and politically & socially significant bodies both in the UK and in Sri Lanka.

The track record of COSMOS in airing serious SriLankan muslim related matters to the SriLankan foreign office via the SriLankan High Commission in the UK, gathering political support for our community with UK based politicians, guiding and advocating its member organisations in achieving common goals both in the UK and in Sri Lanka and representing Srilanka in Politically





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significant Muslim organisations such as Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) had been some of the very commendable and continuing achievements of The COSMOS.

As a registered organisation in the UK, COSMOS is governed by a clear and transparent constitution, which enables it to function in a democratic and highly professional manner. This guarantees its members a fair, transparent and objective-based function in delivering the common interests of our community based in the UK.

In order for COSMOS to deliver its aims and objectives in escalating and signifying the voices of our community both in UK and Sri Lanka, it is paramount that all political, social and welfare Organizations working in the interests of our community which are based in the UK become part of COSMOS so that we have a unified body in voicing our common concerns. The more members COSMOS has the more significant and wider our concerns will reach both into and out of our community in the UK.

As a social and Human rights activist based in the UK, I urge all Sri Lankan Muslim Organisations currently based in the UK to become part of the noble task COSMOS is carrying out for the sake of our community as well as showing support to Global Muslims issues on international platforms.

I wish the best of luck to COSMOS and its executive committee in carrying out their tireless and extremely important task of representing Sri Lankan Muslims to the wider community in the UK.