**Statement from the Faith Network for Manchester**

**on the Mosque Arson attack on Sunday night, 16 July 2017**

The executive and members of the Faith Network for Manchester express our horror at yet another Islamophobic attack. Yet another arson attack has been perpetrated against the Nasfat Mosque, which has gutted the building this time. This is an unacceptable act and we are united with people of all faiths and none in deploring all hate crimes. We stand in solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters, especially with those members and congregants of the Nasfat Manchester Islamic Centre.

The Mosque is looking for a temporary alternative venue for daily and especially Friday prayers and would welcome offers and suggestions for a temporary base. Any offers can be made straight to the Mosque leaders or via the Faith Network for Manchester, to warren@fn4m.org or 07879 454292.