

## Persons with Significant Control

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<b>Status of Paper</b>	Final
<b>Action Required</b>	For information
<b>Resolution</b>	69/1. The Council receives the report.

1. Members of the Methodist Council may be aware that prior to the 2016 Conference new regulations were introduced that required companies to maintain a Register of People with Significant Control (PSC).
2. The regulations had, what appears to be, an unintended consequence for the Conference. The consequence was that all members of the Conference have had to be listed on the register of people with significant control of each company for which the Conference appoints directors. The Conference is not a legal entity hence why each trustee has had to be listed. This created a significant administrative burden for each of the companies affected and for the Conference Office who have had to comply with the regulations by collecting forms at the meeting of the Conference, each member of the Conference having to complete a form providing personal data.
3. The Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice assured the 2016 Conference that further legal advice would be sought and correspondence had with the relevant government department. Further legal advice has not offered any alternative and therefore a letter has been sent to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills asking for clarification on what the individual companies with directors appointed by the Methodist Conference should do. It is apparent from speaking with the Churches Legislation Advisory Service that this is not an issue for other denominations so there is little likelihood of the legislation being amended to reflect the unintended consequences for the Methodist Conference but it may be that practical guidance could be offered.
4. The Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice shall report any helpful response that is received from the Department to the Conference in 2017.

### \*\*\*RESOLUTION

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