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POLICY GUIDANCE TO THE CONNEXIONAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

1 When the Council and subsequently the Conference supported the establishment of the Connexional Grants Committee (CGC), it was agreed that the Council should set the budgets of the CGC as part of the regular budget round. In addition it was agreed that the Council might from time to time give guidance to the CGC on the use of its resources.

2 The CGC is now functioning and has clear budgets. It honours properly the various designations and restrictions on the funds available to its various streams. It takes account of the general principles agreed for its work. However the Council has not exercised its authority to give any more specific policy steers.

3 The Chair of the Council, the Chair of the CGC (Dr Ian Harrison), the Chair of the Council's CGC Governance Scrutiny Group (the Revd Andrew King) and the Connexional Team all feel it would now be useful to explore exactly how the Council might use this power in ways that were both constructive and practical.

4 To that end a short-term group to explore this issue is proposed to include representatives of all the groups mentioned in paragraph 3 above. It would report its conclusions to a subsequent meeting of the Council.

5 It is hoped to bring to the Council names of its potential representatives for endorsement.

Resolution

The Council:

(i) welcomes an exploration of how it can best give policy guidance to the Connexional Grants Committee;

(ii) notes the proposal for a small group for this purpose to be chaired by the General Secretary or his nominee and to report to the Council;

(iii) appoints [ ] and [ ] to be the Council representatives on this group.