

**Appointment under Standing Order 754(5)**

<b>Contact Name and Details</b>	Deacon Sue Culver (Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order) warden@mdo.org.uk
<b>Status of Paper</b>	Final
<b>Action Required</b>	Decision
<b>Draft Resolution</b>	65/1. In accordance with Standing Order 754(5) and (6), the Council appoints, until further notice Deacon Karen McBride as the key point of contact within the Methodist Diaconal Order for practical matters relating to oversight.

1. Under Standing Order 754(5), the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order is permitted to “appoint a person to assist him or her in such way as he or she may think fit.” It is proposed that Deacon Karen McBride should be appointed as the key contact within the Methodist Diaconal Order for practical matters relating to the oversight of diaconal candidates, student deacons, probationer deacons and ordained deacons, and therefore as the key point of contact within the Methodist Diaconal Order for the Diaconal Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee (DCPOC).
2. This does not detract from the responsibility (as outlined in Standing Order 326) of DCPOC to have oversight of the whole period of a person’s training from acceptance as a candidate by the Conference until reception into Full Connexion and ordination as a deacon. As a result, the connexional officers for DCPOC should continue to be the first point of contact for the wider Church in matters relating to the oversight of diaconal candidates and probationers.
3. In keeping with the requirements of Standing Order 754(6), Deacon Karen McBride is a deacon in the active work and if her appointment is approved, her duties shall not include duties expressly required to be performed by the Warden by any provision of the Deed of Union.
4. As acting as the key contact for matters relating to diaconal oversight is not purely a clerical or administrative task, Standing Order 754(6) requires that this appointment be approved by the Methodist Council.

**\*\*\*RESOLUTION:**

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