

# Matters Arising

MC/23/25

## January 2020

Minute reference	Brief summary of action directed	Who responsible	Progress update
20.1.15	The Council directed the Secretary of the Conference and the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order to consider the further steps to be taken in consideration of the office of Vice-President and whether it should remain open to deacons.	Secretary of the Conference and Warden of the MDO	The Secretary of the Conference led a discussion on this matter at the 2022 Convocation. The Convocation wished to give further thought to the matter and to return to it at a later date (and the current Vice-President is a deacon).

## January 2022

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22.1.13	The Council directed that further work is done on the policy for connexional manses.	Secretary of the Conference, in discussion with the Connexional Manse Committee, Connexional Secretary and the Law and Polity Committee	Work is ongoing.

## October 2022

Minute reference	Brief summary of action directed	Who responsible	Progress update
22.3.6	The Council directed the Secretary of the Conference to work with the JDS Committee to identify which parts of the Council's work need to be subject to an EIA and to report to the January Council.	Secretary of the Conference	Work has begun but has been delayed.

## March 2023

Minute reference	Brief summary of action directed	Who responsible	Progress update
23.2.6	The Council directed the Working Party on SO 111(3)	Secretary of the Conference	The group is working on

	to produce draft guidance and to report to the Council in January 2024.		the draft guidance and it will be brought to the Council in April 2024.
23.2.18	The Council appointed a small group to revise the wording of the Criteria for Selection for presentation to the Conference.	The appointed group	It was not possible to undertake this work in time for it to be presented to the Conference in 2023, and the Ministries Committee will bring proposals for revision to the Council and the Conference in 2024.
23.2.35	The Council requested the JDS Committee to initiate a task group to bring a budgeted plan to the Council for the next phase of the Truth and Reconciliation Process work.	JDS Committee	See the update in the JDS report elsewhere in the Agenda.

### May 2023

Minute reference	Brief summary of action directed	Who responsible	Progress update
23.3.3	The Council directed that a formal consultation be undertaken in respect of the proposed amalgamation of the Plymouth and Exeter and Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Districts, to enable the Council to consider submitting a proposal to the 2024 Conference.		The Council appointed a scrutiny group and awaits the outcome of the consultation process.

### October 2023

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23.4.10	The Council directed the SRC in consultation with the Safeguarding Committee to produce a draft scheme to replace the current model of DSO employment with a unified connexional safeguarding function as part of the Connexional Team and to report to the Council in April with firm proposals.	SRC and Safeguarding Committee	SRC will consider this at its February meeting and bring recommendations to the Council in April 2024.

23.4.11	The Council directed the Secretary of the Conference to prepare a policy regarding the processes for election of the President and Vice-President of the Conference and to bring this to the Council in April 2024.	Secretary of the Conference	
23.4.12	The Council directed that a formal consultation be conducted in the Birmingham and Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury Districts under SO 401.		The Council appointed a scrutiny group to consider the responses and to bring a report to the Council after the spring Synods have met.

**\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

**25/1. The Council receives the report.**