

141 Meadow Grove, Dublin

MC/23/7

Date of meeting	25-26 January 2023
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Action required	Approval
Resolutions	7/1. The Council receives the report. 7/2. The Council approves the principle of selling 141 Meadow Grove, Dublin and authorises the Director of Property Support and the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice to progress the sale on the Council's behalf.

Summary of content

Subject or aims	To seek the Council's approval in principle to the sale of 141 Meadow Grove, Dublin and its authority to progress the sale
Main points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Council are the managing trustees of 141 Meadow Grove, Dublin, which is held by the Methodist Missionary Trust Association (MMTA) as custodian trustee on trust for the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Great Britain.• The property has become vacant and it is not in the Methodist Church in Great Britain's best interests to continue to hold it as a property asset.• It is therefore proposed that the property be sold, to enable the sale proceeds to be used for the benefit of the World Mission Fund.
Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Property Development Committee [04/22/9.3 (April 2022)]• Director of Global Relationships

- 1 A house at 141 Meadow Grove, Dundrum, Dublin, Ireland ("**the property**") was formerly occupied by a retired mission partner who has now moved into long-term assisted living care. The property now sits vacant.
- 2 It is understood that the property is a 3-bedroom semi-detached house estimated by local agents to be worth 450-500k Euros.
- 3 The property was originally acquired in 1988 by the Methodist Missionary Trust Association to hold on trust for overseas mission.
- 4 The property has been vacant for some time, and historically there has been an aspiration to dispose of the property, given its location outside Great Britain and the desire to release funds for other purposes.
- 5 However, uncertainty about the trusteeship arrangements and the complexities of dealing with property in a different legal jurisdiction have delayed making any decisions about the property's future.
- 6 Research into the trust arrangements now suggests that the Methodist Council is the Managing Trustee for the property and that the resulting funds from a sale would pass to the

World Mission Fund. It has also been established that the deeds are held by Whitney Moore solicitors, in Dublin, who have previously had dealings with the property.

- 7 The Council is therefore asked to agree to the proposal that the property be sold to enable the sale proceeds to be used for World Mission purposes, and to authorise the Director of Property Support and the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice to progress the sale on the Council's behalf, consulting with the relevant parties and taking appropriate professional advice to ensure the legal and charity law formalities are complied with.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

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