

City Centre List update

MC/22/61

Date of meeting	2-4 April 2022
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Action required	To note.
Resolution	61/1. The Council receives the report.

Summary of content

Subject of aims	To present the Council with the revised City Centre List as directed.
Main points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviews undertaken• Reviews underway• Reviews postponed• Members removed from The City Centre List• Other updates

- 1 Under Standing Order 440 (5), a review of the mission and ministry of each church, circuit or project on the city centre list must be completed by the relevant District Synod, in collaboration with the responsible Church Council or Circuit Meeting or management committee, every five years.

Reviews undertaken

- 2 The following churches, circuits or projects submitted to a review by their District Synods in 2021:
 - Burslem Methodist Mission (Swan Bank), Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District
 - Truro (with Tresillian) Methodist Church, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly District
 - The Cornerstone, Lancaster Methodist Church, Lancashire District
 - Tiviot Dale Methodist Church, Manchester and Stockport District
 - Plymouth Mission Circuit, Plymouth and Exeter District
 - The Methodist Church at Coventry Central Hall, Birmingham District
 - The Church at Carrs Lane, Birmingham District
 - St Andrew's, Worcester, Birmingham District
- 3 In every case, the Synods affirmed that they wished these to continue in membership of The City Centre List.

Reviews underway

- 4 The following churches, circuits or projects have completed a review and are presenting it to their spring 2022 District Synod, and as such are unable to yet report on the outcome of the review. In the meantime, the respective Synods affirm that they wish these to continue in membership of the city centre list until the results of the review can be reported to the Council.

- Wigan Methodist Mission, Bolton and Rochdale District
- St John's Northgate Methodist Church (Gloucester), Bristol District

Reviews postponed

- 5 Chelsea Methodist Church, London District, has decided to postpone its review, with permission of the District Synod. The Synod affirms that they wish Chelsea Methodist Church to continue in membership of the city centre list until a review can take place.
- 6 Central Hall Methodist Church, Walsall, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District, has decided to postpone its review, with permission of the District Synod. The Synod affirms that they wish Central Hall Methodist Church, Walsall to continue in membership of the city centre list until a review can take place.
- 7 The Yorkshire North and East Synod has elected to undertake a wider review of Hull International House (HIH), including looking at HR and safeguarding as well as mission and ministry. The review is currently underway and due to complete in autumn 2022. The Synod affirms that they wish HIH to continue in membership of the City Centre List until the review has concluded. The Synod will then communicate to the Council in spring 2023 the outcome of that review and its decision on future membership of HIH.

Members removed from the City Centre List

- 8 Bridge Street Methodist Church and Stanhope Centre, Mansfield, Nottingham and Derby District, has been removed from the list at the request of the Synod, due to its changing circumstances.

Other updates

- 9 Trinity Methodist Church (York), Yorkshire North and East District, has ceased to meet and so a review has not been undertaken, but the Synod wishes the property to remain on the List until the sale, letting or other disposition of the property has concluded.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

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