

Report from the Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC)

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Resolution	1/1. The Council receives the report.

The SRC met on 29 November 2018 and reports the following matters to the Council:

1. The SRC noted that the Methodist Modern Art Collection management committee was revising its ways of working and would be reporting to the SRC and Council in spring 2019. The Council should note that the Council are managing trustees of the Collection and that the SRC envisages more expenditure will be necessary for the care of this collection than has hitherto been the case.
2. The SRC noted that some work is progressing on the implementation of the recommendations of the Working Party on Legal and Property Support for Managing Trustees, in particular on the proposed service level agreement between the Council and the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP).
3. The SRC authorised the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice to seek to amend the terms of the Centenary Hall Trust with the Charity Commission, as agreed by the Council in October 2018.
4. The SRC did not approve the proposed terms of sale of Sidwell Street Methodist Church, Exeter, at an under-value, as had been agreed in principle by the Council in October 2017. It was felt that the terms were extremely disadvantageous to the Methodist Church. The Secretary of the Conference and relevant officers were asked to explore with the managing trustees the further management and probable disposal of this building.
5. The committee recommended to the Council the acceptance of the Consolidated Accounts for 2017-8, noting that these had been scrutinised in detail by the Finance Subcommittee(FSC), which recommended their acceptance (see paper MC/19/2).
6. The committee received an update on the results of the consultation with members regarding the future of the lay staff pension scheme (PASLEMC) (see confidential paper MC/19/8).
7. The committee had some discussion about the parameters being used by the Connexional Team for developing the budget and agreed this was a suitable way forward. The Committee agreed that the budget should include a 2.5% increase in the total staff salary budget from 1 September 2019.
8. The committee received a revised agreement for the relationship between the Council and The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham. It approved the terms of the agreement subject to some alterations to be discussed with Queen's. An update will be received by the Council following discussion at the Ministries Committee. The SRC recommended the acceptance of the indicative 3 year budget presented in the paper.

9. The committee received a paper on some adjustments to the oversight arrangements for Cliff College. Some amendments were suggested for consideration by the Ministries Committee which will report to the Council in due course.
10. The committee received a report from the Global Relationships Strategic Oversight Sub-Committee (GRSOSC) including a review of the Mission Partner Programme and agreed the proposals. The SRC recommends that GRSOSC becomes a committee of the Council, with a revised name (see paper MC/19/6).
11. The committee received a discussion paper outlining a review of the Mission in Britain grants stream. It commended the review group for its ongoing work and approved its overall approach. It looks forward to the final report.
12. The SRC received an update on the Connexional Team Risk Register and was satisfied with the action to be taken in the event of any adverse risk occurring.
13. The committee received an update on the ONE Intern Programme. This has been a very successful scheme and the SRC approved proposals for 12 interns per year over the next 3 years with an associated budget.
14. The SRC received a report outlining the grants awarded to a number of Districts for the support of evangelism and growth as part of Reaffirming *Our Calling*.

*****RESOLUTION**

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