

## Transfer of delegation from the Network Committee to the Property Development Committee

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<b>Status of Paper</b>	Final
<b>Action Required</b>	Decision
<b>Resolutions</b>	<p>104/1. The Council receives the report.</p> <p>104/2. The Council revokes the appointment of the Network Committee as the connexional trustee for 24 Somerset Road, Birmingham and appoints the Property Development Committee to fulfil the role of connexional trustees and directs them to fulfil all such governance and managing trustee responsibilities for 24 Somerset Road, Birmingham.</p> <p>104/3. The Council delegates to the Property Development Committee all its rights and responsibilities set out in the lease of 24 Somerset Road to the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham.</p> <p>104/4. The Council revokes the appointment of the Network Committee as the connexional trustee for the North Bank Estate and appoints the Property Development Committee to fulfil the role of connexional trustees and directs the Committee to fulfil all such governance and managing trustee responsibilities for the North Bank Estate.</p>

### Summary of Content

<b>Subject and Aims</b>	Delegation of managing trusteeship.
<b>Main Points</b>	Transfer of delegation and governance responsibilities for 24 Somerset Road, Birmingham and the North Bank Estate.
<b>Background Context</b>	<p>MC/13/38 The Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network</p> <p>MC/14/81 Capital Works at the Queen's Foundation: Purchase and Redevelopment of 24 Somerset Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham</p>

## **24 Somerset Road (now known as Frances Young House)**

1. The Methodist Council received a report in January 2017 recognising that, in light of the establishment of the Property Development Committee, it was prudent to move managing trusteeship for a number of connexional properties.
2. The redevelopment of 24 Somerset Road has now been completed and the lease should be completed by the time the Council receives this report. The Council is named on the lease as the managing trustee of the property but it is prudent for the Council to delegate the managing trustee responsibilities to ensure that the terms of the lease are complied with. The property is held on the Model Trust and therefore the Property Development Committee will fulfil the responsibilities of the connexional trustee under Standing Order 904.
3. It is proposed that the Council appoints the Property Development Committee as the connexional trustees and therefore fulfils the managing trustee responsibilities for 24 Somerset Road with immediate effect. Whilst the building is leased to the Queen's Foundation, the managing trustee responsibilities will be limited to ensuring the terms of the lease are complied with and that there is no breach of the license to the Calthorpe Estate, including the payment of the annual license fee.

### **North Bank Estate**

4. Members of the Council will recall that it was suggested in the last connexional year that it would be appropriate at some point to transfer the managing trusteeship for the North Bank Estate to the Property Development Committee. The legal claim pausing this transfer has now concluded.
5. At present the Network Committee fulfil the role of connexional trustees for the North Bank Estate held on the Model Trusts. The chairs of the Network Committee and of the Property Development Committee both agree that the Property Development Committee are now best placed to be the managing trustees of the land. The Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice shall ensure that the Property Development Committee is aware of the obligations that come with being the managing trustee of this land.

### **Update on Methodist International Centre Trust Arrangements**

6. The Council in January 2017 was informed that a review of the trust arrangements for the Methodist International Centre would be undertaken. By way of an update, the Council is informed that clarity is currently being obtained as to why the Methodist International Centre, Euston (previously 4 Inverness Terrace) was not included in a Schedule to the Methodist Church Act 1976 which would have placed the property onto the Model Trust in 1976. The property therefore remains on the particular trust provisions from 1967 at the time of writing but work will continue to be undertaken to rectify this if possible.

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