

Property Development Committee: Amendment to terms of reference

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Action Required	Decision
Resolution	91/1. The Council amends the terms of reference of the Property Development Committee as set out in the report.

The Methodist Council, at its meeting in April 2016, agreed the terms of reference of the Property Development Committee. The Council reported those terms of reference to the Conference. Further to conversations at the Conference, the Council is asked to make an amendment to the membership of the Committee. The proposed change is shown in bold italics in the details of the expertise required from among its membership in the list below. The recently appointed members of the Committee reflect the breadth of expertise as shown in these terms of reference.

Terms of Reference

The Methodist Council will annually appoint a Property Development Committee which shall work collaboratively with the Council and the Strategy and Resources Committee in developing and maintaining a connexional property strategy.

The connexional property strategy shall articulate the mission imperative of the Methodist Church and ensure that the resources of the church are used so as to give maximum effect to their value and missional opportunities.

The Committee will report to the Council via the Strategy and Resources Committee.

The Committee will:

Develop and propose to the Council policies in respect of the use of Methodist Property.

Exercise such managing trustee responsibilities and duties as may be delegated to it by the Council.

Be responsible for identifying funding sources from across the range of Methodist investments and financial resources and from external sources for the development of Methodist property.

Review and monitor the fulfilment of the terms of all agreements reached between the Council and any institution or body with which the Council has agreements for the use and development of property.

Review and monitor the use of all property held by bodies reporting to the Council, advising the Council on the effectiveness of current and planned use of property held by such bodies.

Make an annual report to the Strategy and Resources Committee on all financial matters relating to the property for which the Committee has managing trustee responsibilities.

Undertake such other tasks as the Council may delegate to it in respect of property and the financial management of property.

Be alert to ecumenical, multi partner opportunities for property development.

Make recommendations to the Strategy and Resources Committee of the Methodist Council regarding any disposal or mortgage of any property or part of any property for which the Committee has been delegated managing trusteeship by the Council.

Offer advice to any Methodist trustees body that so requests it regarding any disposal or mortgage of any property or part of any property held on the Model Trust.

Be available to provide advice to any Methodist body of trustees on the development of property under their management.

Membership

The Committee will consist of not more than 14 members including:

- (i) Chair
- (ii) A connexional treasurer
- (iii) The Secretary of the Conference (who may delegate the task under SO 116E)
- (iv) Up to eleven other persons which shall include:
 - (a) three District Property Secretaries
 - (b) a representative of the Board of the Trustees of Methodist Church Purposes
 - (c) persons (who may include those listed in (a)) with expertise in at least the following areas: *mission and evangelisation*, surveying, property management, conservation architecture, funding of property developments, legal issues, planning.

All appointments to the Committee will be for a period of three years. Each member may be re-appointed for a further period of up to three years.

In attendance as advisers:

The Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice

A member of the staff of the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

The Committee will be convened by the Connexional Property Development Adviser.

The Committee shall ensure the diversity of the Methodist Church is reflected when considering nominations.

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