

48. Past Cases Review: Implementation

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The Past Cases Review report makes important and far-ranging recommendations for the whole of the Methodist Church. It is important therefore that detailed attention is paid to the implementation of the recommendations not least as there will be a number of associated pieces of work that will either need to be linked to the implementation, or arise as a result of the recommendations. In order to ensure that due care is paid to the implementation of the recommendations, and that the timescales for implementation can be most effective it is proposed that the Conference appoints a Past Cases Review Implementation Group.

The terms of reference should be as follows:

- To advise the Methodist Council, and where appropriate the Conference, on matters relating to the implementation of the recommendations.
- To consider and recommend timescales for the implementation of the recommendations, and where an amendment to a recommended timescale would give greater effect to a recommendation to set out new timescales that are consonant with the annual cycle of Methodist oversight and governance.
- To consult with the Strategy and Resources Committee on the financial implications of any of the recommendations and, with the Strategy and Resources Committee, to furnish the Methodist Council with any budgetary implications of implementation that cannot be contained within existing budget provisions.
- To consult with relevant Committees of the Conference and the Council where recommendations require policy changes.

The group shall be appointed for an initial period of two years with a review of its terms of reference and membership taking place in 2017.

The Group shall report to the Council as often as is required and to the Conference in 2016 and 2017.

Proposed Membership

The Revd Gwyneth M Owen (Chair)	Superintendent of the Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit with wide experience of issues of supervision
The Revd Helen D Cameron	Nominated as Assistant Secretary of the Conference
The Revd Dr Stuart Jordan	Chair of the London District, becoming supernumerary in 2015
The Revd Henry Lewis	Presbyter in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit, member of the connexional Safeguarding Advisory Panel
Mr Doug Swanney	Connexional Secretary
Ms Jane Stacey	Formerly Deputy Chief Executive of Barnardos. Manager of the Past Cases Review process.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

- 48/1. The Conference received the Report of the Past Cases Review.**
- 48/2. The Conference appointed the Past Cases Review Implementation Group with the terms of reference as set out above.**
- 48/3. The Conference empowered the Council to make arrangements for any pilot schemes that will help to give effect to the long term implementation of recommendations contained with the Past Cases Review Report.**