

56. The 2018 Conference Financial Committee

1. First Report of the Conference Financial Committee (Daily Record 6/2)

- 1.1 The Conference Financial Committee has considered the Notices of Motion printed 2 July 2018 and makes the following comments.
- 1.2 In relation to Notice of Motion 2018/202A: Provision of Feedback for Ministers:
As the existing proposal already asks for a substantial piece of work to be done, and this just ensures the inclusion of one particular piece of business, it will have minimal impact on budgets. However, it is noted that there are already considerable work pressures on these committees and the Secretariat so there will be knock on effects for other pieces of work.
- 1.3 In relation to Notice of Motion 2018/201: Models of Trusteeship:
Substantial additional piece of work utilising significant staff time with consequent cancellation or delay of other work.
- 1.4 In relation to Notice of Motion 2018/102: Joint Work on Ministry:
As the existing proposal already asks for a substantial piece of work to be done, and this just ensures the inclusion of one particular piece of business, it will have minimal impact on budgets. However, it is noted that there are already considerable work pressures on these committees and the Secretariat so there will be knock on effects for other pieces of work.

*****RESOLUTION**

F/1: The Conference received the Report.

2. Second Report of the Conference Financial Committee (Daily Record 7/8)

- 2.1 The Conference Financial Committee has considered the following notices of motion and makes the following comments:
- 2.2 In relation to Notice of Motion 2018/112: Marriage and Relationships:
There are potentially significant costs both in terms of third party legal costs and the time required by the Connexional Team to fulfil the consequences of the notice of motion.
- 2.3 In relation to Notice of Motion 2018/210: Fasting:
Although in theory the Conference would only be donating monies which would otherwise be spent on meals, there would be some cost in administering this.

*****RESOLUTION**

F/2. The Conference received the Report.

3. Third Report of the Conference Financial Committee (Daily Record /)

- 3.1 The Conference Financial Committee is conscious that the Conference has agreed four notices of motion which are judged to have both direct financial effects and consequences on Connexional Team staff time and priorities (Notices of Motion 106, 109, 201 and 204).
- 3.2 There are three further notices of motion with similar consequences which have not, at the time of meeting, been considered by the Conference (202B, 206, 207).

- 3.3 Further detailed work will need to be done to consider the full cost and effect of these additional pieces of work.
- 3.4 The Conference is therefore advised that, to ensure that existing work is not delayed any more than is necessary, it is likely that the expenditure detailed in the Connexional Central Services Budget (Agenda item 24) will be exceeded, and, in particular it is likely that the actual expenditure will be greater than the income, with a consequential net deficit on the Methodist Church Fund annual budget for 2018/19.

*****RESOLUTION**

F/3. The Conference received the Report.