

Report from the Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC)

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Status of Paper	Final
Action Required	None
Resolution	30/1. The Council receives the report.

The SRC met on 22-23 February 2017, and presents the following summary of its business to the Council.

1. The SRC had a presentation on ‘Unconscious Bias’ from the Connexional Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Adviser.
2. The committee had an update on ongoing developments of Methodist Independent Schools Trust and Methodist Academies and Schools Trust . A new governance structure is being proposed which will facilitate academy development. The Council will receive a report, paper MC/17/75.
3. The committee received a report presented by members of the Supervision Working Group of the Past Cases Review Implementation Group. The SRC commended the work on the Interim Supervision Policy and recommended it to the Council. It agreed a recommended budget for the next phase of this work and directed the Senior Leadership Group to oversee its implementation. The Council will receive a report on Supervision, paper MC/17/47.
4. The committee approved the Heads of Terms for the Lease of 24 Somerset Road, Birmingham to The Queen’s Foundation.
5. The committee received an update on the work on ‘Developing Vocations’ as regards possible staffing requirements and funding. In view of the strong support by the Council in January 2017, it encouraged the Secretary of the Conference to proceed with this venture as planned.
6. The SRC had a presentation from the new Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Investment Officer of the Central Finance Board (CFB). It heard proposals for the more active use of money deposited with the CFB for the benefit of the mission of the Church.
7. The committee received a report from the Finance Subcommittee (FSC). The FSC had scrutinised the Consolidated Accounts for 2015-16, and was able to confirm to the SRC that they were clear and accurate and could be recommended to the Council, paper MC/17/32.

The FSC was also in discussion with the CFB about the future use of funds.

The FSC had discussed the draft budget for 2017-18 and was content with this.

8. The SRC had a detailed discussion about the draft budget for 2017-18 and adopted this draft budget as presented and recommends it to the Council, paper MC/17/48.
9. The committee noted that Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) had made a bid to host the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 2021. The SRC asked two

members to scrutinise the budget submitted by CTBI so that the Council could be better informed when it made any decision, see paper MC/17/56.

10. The SRC had a discussion about its role and about the wider governance of the Methodist Church. It recognised there was more scope for delegation between the Conference, Council and the SRC but that this depended upon a significant degree of trust between these bodies.

It was noted that the Conference Office was enabling more coordination and forward planning between the SRC and Council agendas which the Chairs of these bodies found helpful.

*****RESOLUTION**

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