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Church Buildings (Uses and Disposals) Committee

Terms of Reference

Annex 3

As agreed by the Board of Governors on 19 April 2012.

1. The Church Buildings (Uses and Disposals) Committee is a statutory committee under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 appointed by the Board of Governors to deal with cases that relate to buildings closed for regular public worship and similar matters.

Membership

2. The Church Buildings (Uses and Disposals) Committee will be made up of:
 - the Third Church Estates Commissioner (who will chair meetings of the Committee);
 - four members of the clergy;
 - four lay people;
 - and any additional members that the Board chooses from time to time.

A majority of the members of the Committee will be Commissioners. The Secretary of State for Culture, Media & Sport will nominate one member of the Committee.

Functions

3. The Committee will be responsible for:-
 - (i) Subject to (ii) below, the functions of the Commissioners relating to:
 - (a) closed churches; and
 - (b) churches in use where this involves exercise of the Commissioners' power under section 57(17) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 to ask the Churches Conservation Trust to give advice on churches whose futures need to be decided on (these powers should be exercised jointly with the Pastoral Committee).



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- (ii) any financial matters (including the administration of any schemes of grants or loans) assigned to the Committee by the Board subject to any conditions the Board decides.

4. The Committee will have power to: -

- (i) Subject to (ii) below all the matters assigned to them under paragraph 3, except the following matters where the Committee will **look at and report** to the Board:-
 - (a) any matters requiring new legislation;
 - (b) any matters of general policy; and
 - (c) any other matters the Committee requests.
- (ii) If the Commissioners receive any comments against a draft pastoral (church buildings disposal) scheme or to a proposal for a non-Christian religious use of a closed church; the Committee will: –
 - (a) consult the Board before it looks at the representation;
 - (b) pay regard to the opinions of the Board when deciding whether the scheme should go ahead proceed; and
 - (c) report its decision to the next following meeting of the Board.

5. The Committee will submit a report of its work during the year to the Board each year.

Quorum

6. The Committee will have a quorum of three, of which at least two members should be Commissioners.

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