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Standing Orders consultation

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Basic Information

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Action required	Note
Draft resolution(s)	None

Summary of Content

Subject and aim(s)	Update
Main points	Work in hand, but not complete.
Previous relevant documents	Paper M2 of Mission Council, October 2016
Consultation has taken place with...	Mission Council

Summary of Impact

Financial	n/a
External (e.g. ecumenical)	n/a

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1. Detailed analysis of the questionnaires from the last meeting of Mission Council has revealed a desire for an attempt to simplify the Standing Orders, and to standardise matters such as the permitted length of speeches across all modes of decision-making.
2. A number of people also expressed interest in an attempt to combine the best of Consensus Decision Making and Majority Voting. This may prove to be the worst of both worlds, or quite a nifty idea.
3. I am planning, therefore, to attempt two possible new versions of Standing Orders, which I shall “road test” privately with a few folk. Depending upon the results of this testing, I plan to bring either one proposal, or a choice of two proposals to Mission Council in November 2017.

