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Basic information

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Action required	For information only.
Draft resolution(s)	None.

Summary of content

Subject and aim(s)	Update on two properties.
Main points	The Windermere building has been sold. We still wait for decisive progress on the necessary remedial works at Church House.
Previous documents	Paper L1, March 2018.
Consultation has taken place with...	At Windermere: Carver Church, NW Synod Trust, planning authorities, legal adviser, architect. At Church House: our project manager and legal adviser.

Summary of impact

Financial	See detail below.
External (e.g. ecumenical)	

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Windermere

1. We reported to Mission Council in March that sale of the Windermere Centre had been delayed by difficulties around the building's planning categorisation. These have now been resolved, and the building was sold in late July, to a local hotelier.
2. The sale price was some way above the market price, and the Trustees expect to release a sum approaching 850k (this being the sale price, net of various closure costs) for the programmes of the education and learning committee as it carries forward the work of the Centre.
3. The Trust has engaged an architect to design a proper boundary between the land of the Centre and that belonging to Carver Church, as promised at Mission Council in 2017, and has approved a quotation from a local contractor for constructing this.

Church House

4. The remedial work on the lower ground floor at Church House has not yet advanced beyond the investigative stage, at the time of writing in late September. However, the Trust is in active discussion with our building contractors, Peldon Rose, is receiving firm and capable support from our project manager, Third Sector Property, and expects decisive progress before the end of this year.
5. The Trust noted that the staff team at Church House have now worked for a long time in restricted accommodation and sent its warm thanks to the staff for their patience and commitment.