

Paper M2

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Back office/front office: what next?

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Acting with strategic intent; or Better supporting our local churches; or Back office/front office: what next?

Alan Yates writes as follows, about the slides and ideas he will present:

Introduction

The front office/back office presentation given to Mission Council in March 2018 suggested that such an approach could be used to:

- Improve *and* cost-reduce the administrative work we do in synods and churches by centralising the work (note: **not** Londonising!)
- Enhance the focus and extent of our outward-facing activities.

Alan was asked to develop this concept further and to give Mission Council an opportunity to comment.

How the session will work

Alan will give a short recap of the March presentation and add a little more detail to the concept. This will take 25 minutes or so. Only questions for clarity will be taken at the end of the presentation to enable sufficient time for group discussions. After a maximum of five minutes of Q&A, MC members will spend 30 minutes in groups discussing the following questions:

- 1. Would such an approach be beneficial to the URC at the present moment?**
- 2. What elements of the approach do you feel are workable and which elements are not?**
- 3. What changes would you suggest to enhance the approach (either its functionality – making it work better – or its implementability – making it easier to achieve)?**
- 4. How should we start the process? Note this is not a decision to start, simply early planning on what we would do if and when approval is given.**

All groups are asked to respond quickly to questions one and two. Even groups should then do question three and then question four. Odd numbered groups should start with question four and then do question three. This will ensure we get good responses to both three and four.

There will not be plenary feedback. Group reporters are asked to write directly within a week to alan.yates@urc.org.uk

