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Advisory Group





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Basic Information

Contact name and email address	Revd Hugh C.F. Graham Hughf.graham@gmail.com
Action required	Decision
Draft resolution(s)	As attached
Alternative options to consider, if any	None

Summary of Content

Subject and aim(s)	To update the Structure of the United Reformed Church.
Main points	The resolution (a) assigns a new function to the General Assembly; (b) removes a reference to the Deputy General Secretary; (c) offers corrections for other minor errors.
Previous relevant documents	The Structure of the United Reformed Church The Disciplinary Process and the Incapacity Procedure as laid out in the current edition of The Manual.
Consultation has taken place with...	Members of the MIND Advisory Group, the United Reformed Church's Legal Advisor and the Assembly Clerk

Summary of Impact

Financial	Unknown but limited
External (e.g. ecumenical)	Unknown but limited

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Suggested Changes to the Structure

Mission Council agrees to make the following changes to the Structure:

Insert the following immediately after **2.(6)(A)(xxiii)** so as to become **(xxiv)** and renumber the later functions accordingly.

“(xxiv) to ensure that, where an Assembly Commission or an Appeals Commission following a Hearing under the Disciplinary Process contained in Section O of the Manual or a Review Commission or an Appeals Review Commission following a Hearing under the Incapacity Procedure contained in Section P of the Manual appends guidance to its decision to delete the name of the minister or Church Related Community Worker from the respective Roll, any such guidance is brought fully to the attention of those responsible for exercising oversight of the minister or Church Related Community Worker and any others who might in the future be identified as being proper and appropriate persons to receive such information;”

Remove references to the Deputy General Secretary as follows:

2.(6)(A)(xxiii) delete the words “, **the Deputy General Secretary**” replace the words **“(acting through the Deputy General Secretary or his/her duly appointed deputy)”** with **“(acting through the General Assembly Representative or his/her duly appointed deputy)”**

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Replace the words **“Deputy General Secretary “** with the words **“General Assembly Representative”**.

Remove an inappropriate reference to Section O:

2.(4) In the sixth bullet point following the words **“The moderator shall”** replace the words **“Section O”** with **“Disciplinary”**

Remove inaccurate references to **Paragraph (B)**:

2.(4)(A), 2.(5)(A) and 2.(6)(A)

In each case replace the words **“(subject to the restriction referred to in Paragraph (B) below)”** with the words **“(subject to the restriction referred to in Paragraph 7.4 below)”**

