

Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee

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Status of Paper	Final
Action Required	Decision
Resolutions	56/1. The Council approves the constitution of the nominations committee and the processes outlined in this report in order to bring to the Council a nomination as the next chair of the SRC. 56/2. The Council agrees that, if necessary, an e-vote be used to ensure that a Council nominated name can be brought to the Conference of 2018.

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	To set up a process for appointing a new Chair of the SRC
Main Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution of nomination committee • Process

1. The chair of the SRC, Professor Peter Howdle, completes six years as chair in 2018. The Council is asked, elsewhere in its papers, to consider an extension to his appointment for one year. He has indicated his intention to step down in 2019.
2. Standing Orders do not explicitly indicate what processes should be followed to appoint a Chair of the SRC. However, there are clear processes for the appointment of Chairs of District and other officers and the Development and Personnel department of the Connexional Team have produced guidelines and processes relating to the appointment of a number of roles and offices throughout the Church.
3. Using these partly analogous sources and existing processes of good practice, and recalling the way in which the nomination of the present chair was brought, the following is suggested.
4. The appointment of a nomination committee is appointed, drawing on people representing the following groupings or offices in the Church:
 - The Secretary of the Conference or his designee.
 - The Chair of the Methodist Council or her designee.
 - A Connexional Treasurer
 - A representative of the SRC drawn from those appointed under SO 213(1)(iA)
5. The process of drawing up a role description and person specification, agreeing the wording of an advert, short-listing and interviewing for this voluntary post, would be undertaken by this committee, which would be assisted by a non-voting member of the Development and Personnel Office in the Connexional Team.

6. Were a nomination to be able to be presented to the 2018 Conference, even using the Order Paper mechanism for late text, it is possible that the Conference could designate Prof Howdle's successor this summer. This means however that the Council would be required to endorse the nomination and a prepared reasoned statement by an e-vote, there being no further meeting of the Council before the Conference of 2018.
7. In the event that a name is not able to be presented to the Conference, the Council could ask for the delegated authority to accept the nomination and report it to the Conference of 2019. The agreed nominee of the Council could begin to shadow the post as soon as possible, while acknowledging the vote of the 2019 Conference is required before formally being appointed to the post in 2019.
8. In any event, a period of 'shadowing' of the nominated or designated person is deemed valuable and necessary.
9. Clearly there is some urgency to begin the process, and suggested names for the nomination committee will be prepared for the Council.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

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