

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CTiS&D CONSTITUTION – reasons.

4 B. This covers a situation where smaller churches are combined in a Benefice, or other merger, and do not have folk to represent them at CTiS&D. Note the requirement to notify names to CTiS – too often we haven't had this info. Only notified names will be counted towards the quorum requirement (so if eg 6 churches have no 'notified' rep, the 50% requirement will be based on a lower figure).

5 (i) We suggest these additional roles should be named, as a reminder of their importance to the effective management of CTiS&D.

6 (i) This allows people with special expertise from member organisations to contribute to the ongoing work of CTiS&D, something we greatly value.

6 (vi) & 7(v) The quorum requirements for EnGp and the Forums are lowered to a more realistic level.

8. Background: The Steering Group was started under Malcolm Offord's chairmanship because the EnGp agendas were so full. It was an informal group of CT officers and former officers. They filtered items to relieve this pressure. Over time it developed its role to consider controversial issues or major new initiatives. Gradually it took on the scrutiny of many issues which then went to EnGp.

It is not in the Constitution. There were 15 items on its last agenda. This was unhelpful because (a) it meant 2 meetings for officers, with similar agendas (b) some EnGp members say they feel that in reality, decisions have already been made, so why go to meetings.

But there are issues which need prior scrutiny from time to time.

We suggest returning to the original model, and include it in the Constitution, with a name change to Standing Committee. The CTiS&D chair, or 2 other officers, could call a meeting, with others with relevant experience, to 'filter' or prepare the ground for particularly important new plans, or early ideas. It remains advisory, not decision-making. Notes of meetings should be held but we suggest formal 'Minutes' need not be circulated.