

AFTER THE CONSULTATION

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- Circuit stewards prepare a report which is shared with the presbyter (E8). At this meeting the presbyter will confirm whether or not she is seeking re-invitation.

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- The Circuit Invitation committee meets with the circuit stewards to receive the report on the consultation. The presbyter is also present at this meeting to respond to points made in the report. The presbyter leaves the meeting whilst the circuit Invitation Committee decides whether or not to recommend to the circuit meeting that a re-invitation should be offered.

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- Whatever the decision the Committee prepares a 'Reasoned Statement' giving reason for the recommendation. The presbyter is informed of this decision as soon as possible.

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- The Reasoned Statement is circulated in confidence to members of the circuit meeting 2 weeks before the meeting.

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- Paragraph (E10) sets out what happens when an extension is not recommended. The presbyter may wish to prepare a statement giving reasons why an extension should be granted and of what length. If an extension is granted but of a different length to that requested the presbyter may also prepare a statement giving reasons why the length of time requested should be granted. Any such statements must be circulated in confidence to members of the circuit meeting at least one week in advance of the meeting. The circuit meeting receives both the statement from the Circuit Invitation Committee and the presbyter together with any other responses from the Circuit Invitation Committee either written or verbal. The circuit meeting will consider the matter and proceed to vote.

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- Paragraph (E11) covers the procedure when an extension is recommended. The recommendation is circulated together with a notice giving the name of the person chairing the meeting. Members are required to inform the chair in writing, no later than one week before the meeting, if they intend to oppose the recommendation or move an amendment, with the substance of their grounds for doing so, including the signatures of the member or members opposing. If such an intention has been notified, the written grounds are circulated no later than 24 hours before the meeting. The meeting shall hear the members and any response by the presbyter and the Circuit Invitation Committee. A vote will be taken after the matter has been considered. If no such notification has been received then no vote takes place and the recommendation is accepted..

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- Paragraphs (E13 to E15) deal with the meeting procedures in greater detail.
- Paragraphs (E16 and E17) are concerned with what happens after the circuit meeting including a new letter of understanding where an extension is issued and accepted