

Sheffield Methodist District Leading Team

Property report – Tom Rattigan

This initial report outlines several elements subject to potential change over time. Also enclosed is an Excel sheet detailing the projects for which I, as District Property Secretary (DPS), grant consent on behalf of the district.

Additionally, the report aims to spotlight the efforts of the District Property Group and any concerns voiced during our meeting. We are in the process of drafting a job description for this committee dedicated to supporting the DPS in navigating challenging projects.

- The group has recognized the imperative to continue collaborating with circuits to develop strategic approaches.
 - Sheffield, The Peak, Trinity, Doncaster and Barnsley are working towards this with me involved on some level.
 - I am not currently aware of anything in Rotherham and Dearne Valley or Derbyshire North East.
- It is recommended that work temporarily stop on the District Property Strategy, while circuit strategies are being formulated and while Tom is involved in the Connexional Property Strategy working group.
- We acknowledge the need to formulate a sales process and associated guidelines, particularly regarding potential changes in coming years, including those concerning leases. This will primarily use the criteria of missional value, community value and financial value.
- It is noted that Richard Dearden has been appointed as the District's nominated representative to The Foundry Sheffield board. **A matter requiring being in the minutes and the Foundry Sheffield board being formally notified of this.**

The Property Group is aware of the need to treat sensitively some of the more difficult situations that are within the District. These will be kept within the Property Group unless requiring more direction from DLT, which would be at the discretion of the Chair of the group.

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