

# Paper X1

## Northstowe Church Network (LEP) becoming a local United Reformed Church

### Eastern Synod

#### Basic information

<b>Contact name and email address</b>	David Coaker clerk@urceastern.org.uk
<b>Action required</b>	Decision.
<b>Draft resolution(s)</b>	<b>Resolution 51</b> <b>General Assembly receives Northstowe Church Network (LEP) as a local church of the United Reformed Church.</b>

#### Summary of content

<b>Subject and aim(s)</b>	The Eastern Synod receives with delight the request from The Northstowe Church Network (LEP) to become a local United Reformed Church.  We request General Assembly to authorise this.
<b>Main points</b>	Northstowe Church Network (LEP) wishes to become a local United Reformed Church, having been formed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and a Partnership Agreement between Anglicans, Baptists and the United Reformed Church. The Eastern Synod affirmed in October 2023 the United Reformed Church (Eastern Province Trust) decision to support, with a budget for up to £750,000, the Northstowe Church Network bid for Section 106 land for faith and community use. The Eastern Synod voted in March 2024 to bring the above resolution to General Assembly.
<b>Previous relevant documents</b>	
<b>Consultation has taken place with...</b>	Church of England, Diocese of Ely Baptist Union of Great Britain Eastern Synod Lindsey Brown, Mission Support Officer.

## Summary of impact

<b>Financial</b>	
<b>External (eg ecumenical)</b>	This is built on, and will continue to foster relations with, the new town of Northstowe (being built on former RAF land near Cambridge), the Diocese of Ely and the Eastern Baptist Association.