

Paper R1

Expanding number of ASPD members Complaints and Disciplinary Advisory Group

Basic information

Contact name and email address	Andy Braunston andy.braunston@urc.org.uk
Action required	Decision.
Draft resolution(s)	Resolution 13 Assembly Executive amends Section O Appendix H to read as follows: The Assembly Standing Panel for Discipline comprises: a) the Assembly Representative for Discipline, b) six eight members of the United Reformed Church appointed by the General Assembly, three of whom must be elders and three ensuring a good mix of “lay” members and Ministers or Church Related Community Workers and c) the Moderator of each Province or Nation. It is desirable, but not essential, for one member of the Assembly Standing Panel for Discipline in each case to have a legal qualification or comparable experience.

Summary of content

Subject and aim(s)	To increase the number of members of the Assembly Standing Panel for Discipline.
Main points	To expand the number of people serving on the Assembly Standing Panel for Discipline by two and to be a little more flexible so that equal numbers of ‘lay’ people and ministers can serve. There needs to be no requirement to limit the “lay” members to Elders as we don’t reserve governance to Elders and ministers.
Previous relevant documents	
Consultation has taken place with...	

Summary of impact

Financial	None.
External (eg ecumenical)	None.