



INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS IN 2025

NAME OF STANDING COMMITTEE/AGENCY: Ethical Oversight Committee	
CONVENER/CHAIR:	Mrs Val Brown
VICE-CONVENER(S):	
SECRETARY/STAFF:	Rev Ian Alexander
REMIT: The Ethical Oversight Committee (EOC) is an advisory group that will help the Church of Scotland Investors Trust (COSIT) to focus on the theological and ethical background of what the Church should be investing in, consider the complexities of the investment options, and be a space for intelligent conversations that can support the COSIT to provide the investment managers with very specific briefs, in line with the Church's values.	
SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE SOUGHT AT THIS TIME: This year the Committee is not anticipating any vacancies but they would generally look for people with an active interest in either: Investment practice or Ethical and social justice issues and how they pertain to the church locally and internationally	
EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS: It is envisaged that the EOC will meet 4-6 times a year, mostly online but occasionally in person. Members will be expected to read papers in advance of the meeting and be prepared to engage in the discussions. The EOC is not a voting group, however they can discuss and make recommendations, for example on whether an energy company has adequately switched the majority of its business towards renewables to warrant consideration for investment.	
MEMBERSHIP AND ANTICIPATED VACANCIES: Include confirmation of the number of vacancies to be filled. NB: a completed Nomination Form must be submitted by all proposed nominees including anyone wishing to be put forward for proposed re-appointment The EOC is made up of nine people, each of whom serve no more than two 3-year terms, populated as follows: (i) three persons would be trustees of the Investors Trust (ii) one person from the General Trustees (iii) five appointed by the General Assembly through the Nomination process; of these five, three will have a social justice and/or world church background; one will be a parish minister; and one will be 30 years of age or under at first appointment This year the Committee is not anticipating any vacancies but would welcome applications, which will be considered should a vacancy arise.	



FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:

include mention of any particular day(s) of the week when meetings would fall and whether meetings will be attended online and/or in person

4-6 times a year, mostly online via Zoom, but occasionally in person in Edinburgh. Dates will normally be decided by doodle poll, unless we are meeting specific people and need to accommodate their availability.

DETAILS OF SUB-COMMITTEES/GROUPS:

include frequency, timings, venue and any particular day(s) of the week when meetings would fall

It is not envisaged that any sub groups would be meeting very regularly and again these meetings would be likely to take place online via Zoom.

FURTHER DETAILS:

Include any useful web links