

APPENDIX 9 Workplace Ministry Strategy Document

9.33 The following are the Points for Action in the Strategy Document of the Workplace Ministry Team in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

Short term (up to 12 months)

- Critically review all existing chaplaincies to ensure that all are appropriately trained and properly supported
- Restore chaplaincy in all areas in which it has been functioning to at least the levels provided until recently.
- Examine areas into which chaplaincy could successfully be expanded
- Develop and provide appropriate training for chaplains
- Develop mutual support structures for chaplains
- Establish suitable communication mechanisms through the Ecumenical Management Board so that organisations and churches are informed regularly about the role of workplace ministry as part of the overall Christian ministry

Longer term (up to 3 years)

- Examine how financial support can be achieved, which includes various kinds of financial contributions from organisations to whom chaplaincy is provided
- When levels of chaplaincy have been restored in existing areas, increase further the number of chaplains available to support those who work with organisations
- Offer introductory training in the churches' mission in the economy to newly qualified ministers
- Establish Christian reflections on workplace issues which assist Christians at work to deal with their responsibilities and churches to address wider economic issues