

At a subsequent conference, to discuss the question of transferring the Library, the College representatives tabled a copy of the proposals put forward by the College Council on October 6, 1936,⁽³⁷⁾ as a basis for discussion. These proposals stated that the College authorities would be prepared to transfer the Library to the City, subject to certain stipulations, one of which was that the College should be adequately represented on the new governing body of the Library. Because of the fact that the City would be acquiring assets valued (at a very conservative estimate) between £30,000 and £40,000, the College also insisted that, within a given period, substantial improvements and additions should be made to the Library. Recognising that certain difficulties might arise,⁽³⁸⁾ the College Council suggested that the best solution, for the immediate present, appeared to be that the City should contribute not less than £1000 per year towards the Library and should have a share in its control, and that, in the meantime, the general public should be educated to the idea that the Library should be rightly owned, supported, and administered as a City asset. In this case, the question of the allocation of the endowment revenue would not arise until the ultimate transfer of the Library, at some future date. With these proposals providing a basis, four decisions were made, as follows :-

1. "That the City Council be recommended to set up another Standing Committee, to be known as the Libraries Committee, with power to co-opt members of the Canterbury College Council."
2. "That the City Council be recommended to undertake substantial improvements after the war, and that, in the meantime, and as

37. C.C.C. Minutes of Bylaws, Finance and Departmental Committees, p.4722-23.

38. viz, the City Council may, in good faith, have accepted the transfer on the above conditions, and have had the necessary legislation passed, and then found itself unable, after having acquired the Library, to carry out building improvements.