

DIOCESAN SYNOD ACTS

27 June 2019



Acts of the Diocesan Synod held on 27 June 2019 at Wolvesey, Winchester. 63 members were in attendance.

The Bishop of Winchester welcomed members and introduced the new Director of Finance, Lisa Streeter.

Promulgation of Amending Canon No 38

Amending Canon 38 was promulgated by the Chief Executive.

Cathedral Vision Document DS19/01

The Dean of Winchester shared the Cathedral calling and vision document with members and highlighted the 6 priorities contained within. She explained that this would lead to the creation of a 'CMAP' (Cathedral Mission Action Plan).

Annual Report & Financial Statement For The Year Ending 31 December 2018 DS19/02

The Bishop of Winchester introduced the report and reminded members of the commitment to be a mission shaped diocese. The Director of Finance, Mrs Lisa Streeter, gave an overview of the annual review and financial statement for 2018, as adopted by the Directors of the WDBF at their meeting earlier in June. She reported that:

- The budget was heavily reliant on CMF collection and that the CMF collection rate had dropped to 92.7% in 2018 compared to 93.8% in 2017
- The value of the investment portfolio had decline by 1%
- A change in account policy meant that the entire value of the clergy pension deficit had to be shown, rather than payments made in the year

Members asked questions regarding the CMF collection rate.

3 Year Financial Plan DS19/03

The Bishop of Winchester introduced the 3 year financial plan. He explained that the budget would set a direction of growth and investment in the diocesan strategic priorities. The following motion was proposed: that this Synod authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to collect the sum of £30,854,000 in Common Mission Fund contributions over the period 2020 to 2022 inclusive to enable the Bishop's Council & Standing Committee to agree an annual budget in each of the three years.

Members asked for clarification:

- The proposed budget included a 98% CMF collection rate. This would be addressed through the work of CMF reflection group, a new communication strategy and ongoing parish visits by the suffragan Bishops, Archdeacons and Head of Operations.
- The rising cost of clergy housing is being currently reviewed. Options to address this include selling properties that are expensive to maintain and replacing them with properties that had cheaper running costs.

The motion was passed with 61 in favour and 2 against.

Questions under Standing Order 72

Questions had been received from Anthony Cross. Written responses were issued at the meeting. The Bishop of Winchester addressed 2 supplementary questions on the day.

The Chair of the House of Clergy said grace, and members enjoyed supper.

Pre Conference Update

The Bishop of Winchester explained his vision for the conference to members and the theme of the conference 'Global Prophetic Citizenship'. He announced that Professor David Ford as the keynote speaker. The Rev'd Philip Krinks, chair of the Deployment Working Group, updated members on the group's work so far. The options developed by the group would be taken to the conference in October for discussion and approval by Synod.

The meeting closed with night prayer.

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