BISHOP’S COUNCIL & STANDING COMMITTEE

**2024**

**Introduction:**

The Winchester Diocesan Synod is required to elect a number of new members to the Bishop’s Council & Standing Committee for the next triennium. Membership of BC&SC consists of: 4 elected lay members and 2 elected clerical members, plus the Bishop of Winchester, the Bishop of Southampton, the Bishop of Basingstoke, the Archdeacon of Bournemouth, the Archdeacon of Winchester, the Diocesan Secretary, the Dean of Winchester, the Chair of the Finance Committee, the Chair of the House of Laity, and the Chair of the House of Clergy.

Hustings will take place at Diocesan Synod on **Thursday 14th November 2024.** If more than the required number of candidates stand, elections will be held. Successful candidates will take up office on 1 January 2025 and remain in post for 3 years. Any member of the Diocesan Synod may stand in the election which will be decided by a simple majority.

* Any member of the House of Clergy may propose or second a member of the House of Clergy.
* Any member of the House of Laity may propose or second a member of the House of Laity.

**Responsibilities:**

The members of the Bishop’s Council & Standing Committee have a number of roles and responsibilities. As the **Bishop’s Council & Synod Standing Committee** they are responsible for advising the Synod on policy, preparing recommendations and transacting business in between meetings of the full Synod; they consider wider questions on the mission and ministry of the Diocese and the wider Church; as the **Mission & Pastoral Committee** they discuss issues relating to pastoral reorganisation and deployment of ministerial resource; and finally, as **Directors** **of the Winchester Diocesan** **Board of Finance** (a Charitable Company) they are responsible for overseeing the financial policies and decisions of the Diocese.

There are usually at least 6 meetings of the Bishop’s Council & Standing Committee each year.

**Skills and Qualities:**

* Ability to consider issues in an objective and strategic manner, weigh local and individual concerns against the wider needs of the Diocese and Church;
* Excellent communication skills and the ability to lead discussions, and engage in complex and potentially divisive issues;
* A passion to help lead the mission and ministry of the church in our Diocese;
* A willingness to fully engage with the structures of the Diocese (a detailed induction will be given) and to assist in communicating committee decisions as widely as possible.

**If you are willing to serve the Bishop’s Council & Standing Committee, please complete this form and return it to Cathy Laird no later than 5pm Monday 4th November 2024.**

**Hustings will take place on Thursday 14th November, If required, elections will be carried out by postal/email ballot.**

ELECTION FOR THE BISHOP’S COUNCIL & STANDING COMMITTEE

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the form below and return it to Cathy Laird (details below).

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, am willing to stand for Bishop’s Council & Standing Committee.

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Name of Proposer:

Name of Seconder:

**Election Address:**

*If you so wish, please use the space below to offer a short election address (no more than* ***100*** *words). These will be compiled and distributed to all members.*

Please note – if an election is required, all candidates will be given no more than **3 minutes** to address the House of Laity at the meeting on **Thursday 14th November 2024.**

Please return this nomination form no later than **5pm Monday 4th November 2024** to Cathy Laird

[cathy.laird@winchester.anglican.org](mailto:cathy.laird@winchester.anglican.org)

Cathy Laird, Diocesan Office, Old Alresford Place, Alresford SO24 9DH

**If you wish to return this nomination form by email, you must cc your proposer and seconder in order to confirm their support. Hard copy (by scan or post) is also welcome.**