

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Title: **BISHOP'S COUNCIL, DIOCESAN MISSION & PASTORAL COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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This paper summarises the business of the Bishop's Council since the November meeting of the Synod.

In addition to the two business meetings summarised below the Bishop's Council held their annual day meeting where there is an opportunity to look at some of the more strategic issues facing the diocese outside of the normal meeting format. The main points of focus for that day were mission among children, families and young people and potential building development projects within the diocese.

December 2018

Bishop's Council

- Agreed an appointment to the Hockerill Foundation Trust,
- Received an update on the Diocesan structural review,
- Received an update on the Barking Area Churches Development Project,
- Received an update on recent elections to committees within the diocese and other associated matters.

DMPC

- Approved suspensions of the benefice of Wormingford, Mount Bures and Little Horkesley, the benefice of Marks Tey and Aldham, the benefice of Basildon St Martin, the benefice of Westcliff, St Michael & All Angels and the benefice of Burnham on Crouch.
- Approved renewal of the lease of Becontree St Peter and delegate approval of final terms to the Chair of the CDBF.
- Approved a Pastoral Scheme relating to the churchyard land of the former church of St Nicholas in Colchester.

Finance Committee

- Received and update on the proposal to bring Sparrows in to the CDBF,
- Approved an increase in the parish loan to Meadgate PCC,
- Approved a parish loan to Walthamstow St Peter PCC,
- Approved appointments to sub committees of the Finance Committee for the new triennium,
- Approved fee for auditors remuneration.

January 2019**DMPC**

- Approved suspensions of the benefice of Walthamstow St Michael and All Angels, the benefice of Wanstead, Holy Trinity, Hermon Hill, the benefice of High Ongar with Norton Mandeville, the benefice of Great Dunmow and Barnston, the benefice of Broxted with Chickney and Tilty and Little and Great Easton, and the benefice of Brentwood St George.

Finance Committee

- Approved house purchases for the church plant on Beam Park and the sale and purchase of a parsonage for the benefice of Hawkwell,
- Received a report on the parish share receipts for 2018.

February 2019**Bishop's Council**

- Received a brief update on a proposed item on Mission and Ministry Unit development for the March Diocesan Synod.
- Approved appointments to vacancies on the Area Mission and Pastoral Committees.
- Received an update on the Diocesan structural review.
- Received an update on the Finance Working Group.

DMPC

- Approved the extension of the Bishop's Mission Order for Immanuel Church Brentwood for a further five years.

Finance Committee

- Approved the updated risk register.
- Noted a paper on the administrative revisions to the share scheme and considered associated matters, two of which require further approval.
- Approved the proposal to seek to extend the mortgage facility to support the purchase of curates' houses.
- Approved an appointment to Audit Committee.
- Approved delegation of serious incident reports from the CDBF to the Chief Executive.
- Approved a proposal to respond to an overspend on the Barking Area Churches Development Project and the further exploration of how to continue with the potential project at All Saints Forest Gate.

Members are asked to NOTE the report. As ever, if members do want to find out more about the items summarised in this report, please feel free to ask.