

**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, Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee and Finance Committee since the June meeting of the Synod.

**July 2018****Bishop's Council**

- Received an update on the appointment process for the next Archdeacon of Barking.
- Michael Minta was appointed to the Guy Harling's Trust
- The results of the elections to Diocesan Synod were noted and a panel was approved to consider an appeal against the election result in one of the Deaneries.

**DMPC**

- Approved interim ministry appointments to the benefice of High Ongar with Norton Mandeville, the benefice of South Woodford Holy Trinity and the benefice of West Ham All Saints.
- Approved an extension to the Bishop's Mission Order for DNA Networks, a fresh expression of Church based in Colchester.
- Approved proposals to suspend the right of presentation to the benefice of Prittlewell St. Luke and the benefice of Fingringhoe with East Donyland and Abberton with Langenhoe. Approved a further period of suspension of the benefice of Christ Church, Warley & St. Mary the Virgin, Great Warley

**Finance Committee**

- Received the quarterly financial reports.
- Approved the annual return to the Charity Commission.
- Approved a proposal relating to the future of Sparrows. The proposal is that Sparrows is incorporated in to the Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance (CDBF).
- Approved the disposal of part of the churchyard of the former church of St Michael in Latchingdon.
- Approved a proposal to support the purchase of property used by the Church in Meadgate.
- Approved the revised process for clergy settlement agreements and noted two recently completed agreements.
- Approved a proposed approach to issues involving the Dr. Buckeridge's School Trust.

**October 2018****Bishop's Council**

- Noted a proposed Working Group for Financial Strategy.
- Received a presentation on and endorsed the vision behind a proposed building project in the Barking Episcopal Area.
- Noted the Bishop's Advisory Panel and timetable for the appointment of the next Archdeacon of Colchester. Discussed the draft role specification and profile.
- Approved new data protection policies for the CDBF and delegated implementation of those policies to the Chief Executive.
- Approved appointments to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for their new term.
- Noted the terms of reference for the Diocesan organisational review.
- Noted an update on committee elections.
- Approved appointments to the Cathedral Chapter.

**DMPC**

- Approved the appointment of an Associate Minister on an interim basis to the benefice of Great Clacton.

**Finance Committee**

- Approved changes to authorisation for bank signatories and use of company seal.
- Endorsed proposals for the new Articles of Association for the CDBF.
- Received a report on housing work and expense.

Synod is asked to NOTE this report.