

The Project Board has held six meetings since its establishment in January 2022.

The National Church Governance Project Board was formed in January 2022 to take forward the work of the Governance Review Group (GRG) Report on change to the governance and structure of the National Church Institutions. In February 2022, General Synod passed a motion that enabled the Board to start its work.

At its April meeting, the Board agreed to retain a Project Director and following a competitive process, selected and welcomed Stephanie Harrison. Stephanie came to the position from her role as Director of Risk and Assurance for the National Church Institutions (NCIs).

In May 2022, the Board invited the Venerable Simon Fisher, Archdeacon of St Helens and Warrington, and the Reverend Canon Flora Winfield, Third Estates Commissioner, to join the Board.

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In its meetings so far, the Board has focused on developing a comprehensive paper outlining its initial thinking about the proposals for change made by the former Bishop of Leeds' report, and in doing so has taken account of suggestions made by members of the Synodical Reference Group, the House of Bishops, the Emerging Church Steering Group, and various trustee bodies. This paper, GS MISC 1319, has been published ahead of the General Synod to provide a basis for further discussion and consultation. A Synod fringe event on 9th July will offer stakeholders an opportunity to share their views on the paper and our work so far.

More information:

- Comments on the Governance Review can be sent to GovernanceReview@churchofengland.org
- Members of the National Church Governance Project Board are:
 - Rt Hon Sir David Lidington (Chair)
 - Bishop Andrew WatsonAlan Smith (First Church Estates Commissioner)
 - Alison Coulter (Member of General Synod)
 - Mary Chapman (Former Member of General Synod)
 - Dr Jamie Harrison (Chair of the House of Laity, General Synod)
 - Abigail Scott (Member of General Synod)
 - The Venerable Simon Fisher, Archdeacon of St Helens and Warrington

• The Reverend Canon Flora Winfield, Third Estates Commissioner

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