

GENERAL SYNOD

**Instructions under Standing Order 38(8) regarding counted votes
conducted by electronic means**

The Business Committee has updated the instructions regarding the conduct of counted votes conducted by electronic means. A copy of the revised instructions is attached.

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Chair of the Business Committee

**Revised instructions given by the Business Committee under Standing Order
38(8) for the conduct of counted votes conducted by electronic means**

In exercise of its powers under Standing Order 38(8) of the Standing Orders of the General Synod, the Business Committee of the General Synod **HEREBY ISSUES** the following instructions for the conduct of counted votes conducted by electronic means:

1. Members wishing to vote must take a handset from the designated locations. On leaving the hall or gallery they must return their handset to one of the designated locations. (The designated locations are the following locations or such other locations as the Business Committee may from time to time specify in writing:
 - (a) in London:
 - (i) the landing outside the Bishop Partridge Hall;
 - (ii) the exit from the Hoare Memorial Hall to the ambulatory; and
 - (iii) outside door T to the Assembly Hall;
 - (b) in York: on the stairs leading to the chamber from the Concourse.)
2. In order to vote on a question members must insert their electronic voting card into their handset. Members not in possession of a valid electronic voting card may not therefore vote on a counted vote conducted by electronic means. Members must not allow their electronic voting card to be used by any other member for the purposes of voting in a counted vote conducted by electronic means.
3. The Chair must determine the length of the period during which votes may be recorded ('the voting period').
4. The Chair must announce, or cause to be announced: (a) how long the voting period will last, (b) that the voting period is beginning, (c) before the voting period ends, that it will end in a specified period of time and (d) that the voting period has ended.
5. The Registrar will be responsible for operating the electronic voting system. In doing so he or she must give effect to the Chair's directions.
6. At the end of the voting period the Registrar must give the Chair a written statement of the result of the vote as recorded in the electronic voting system, which the Chair must then announce.

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