

## GENERAL SYNOD

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### JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2016

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#### FIFTH NOTICE PAPER

**Notice of motions and amendments received. Amendments will subsequently be marshalled, in the order in which they are to be taken, on the daily Order Papers.**

#### VARIATION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

As a consequence of the Presidents' direction under SO 4(3) of the addition to the Agenda of a debate on the EU referendum, it is intended that the Chair of the Business Committee will propose a variation of the order of business under SO 9 in respect of other business scheduled for Friday afternoon's sitting. The variation will be to the effect that **Item 10** (*Nurturing and Discerning Senior Leaders: Report from the Development and Appointments Group of the House of Bishops (GS 2026)*) be taken **after Item 6** (Report of the Business Committee (GS 2024)) and that the rubric preceding **Items 7 and 8** (Appointments to the Archbishops' Council (GS 2025)) in the Agenda be amended to read "**Not later than 6.00 p.m.**".

#### SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

##### ITEM 500

##### **DRAFT MISSION AND PASTORAL ETC. (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 2014A)**

*The Revd Paul Benfield (Blackburn)* to move as an amendment:

Clause 7, page 11, *leave out* lines 39 and 40.

*Mr Clive Scowen (London)* to move as an amendment:

Clause 5, page 7 *leave out* subsection (4) and *insert*–

“(4) Omit subsection (11) of that section (duty of rector to convene meetings).

“(4A) For subsection (12) of that section (right of members to request meetings) substitute—

“(12) Any member of a team in a team ministry may, by notice in writing, request the rector to convene, within the period of twenty-eight days following the service of the notice, a meeting of the team for the purpose of discussing and reaching a common mind on a matter of general concern or special interest to the team ministry; and if the rector fails to comply with the request, the member may himself or herself convene the meeting.””

*Mr Clive Scowen (London)* to move as an amendment:

Clause 7, page 12, line 10, at end *insert*—

“(aa) such persons, groups of persons or organisations as it appears to the bishop would be directly affected by the order, and”.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

### **LEGAL OFFICERS ANNUAL FEES ORDER (GS 2036)**

A member has given notice that she wishes the Order to be debated. However, the Fees Advisory Commission has indicated that it does not intend to move a motion for the approval of the Order, since it intends to lay a revised form of Order before the Synod for approval at the next group of sessions.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA III PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS**

The following Private Member’s Motion has been received and will be available for signature during this group of sessions:

### **OPEN PROCESS AND JUSTICE IN INVESTIGATIONS**

*Mr Martin Sewell (Rochester)* to move:

That this Synod regret that it can have no confidence in the investigation conducted on behalf of the Church of England into the allegations against the late Bishop Bell, by reason of its lack of transparency and accountability, and affirm that:

- (a) openness of process is the cornerstone of confidence in all such investigations;
- (b) a Church of Justice must hold rigorously to the principle of equal fairness to accuser and accused alike; and

- (c) there is no dissonance in logic or in law between:
  - (i) the preservation of individual accuser anonymity; and
  - (ii) the public interest in ensuring fair procedures and a transparent system of justice which clearly explains its processes, discloses the substance of the evidence, and the reasons for its conclusions.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA IV DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

### **ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT**

The Chelmsford Diocesan Synod has given notice that it wishes to withdraw its motion on the Anglican Communion Covenant.

However, the diocesan synods of Bath and Wells, Lincoln, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Oxford, St Albans and Worcester have passed motions in identical terms. Special Agenda IV will, therefore, continue to include the motion at the top of page 13 of the Agenda.

## **ERRATA**

### **ITEM 6**

#### **REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2024)**

On page 2, paragraph 13, “Monday” should read “Tuesday”.

#### **HOUSE OF BISHOPS: SUMMARY OF DECISIONS (GS Misc 1144)**

In paragraph 9, “Anglican Communion Council” should read “Anglican Consultative Council”.