

GENERAL SYNOD

Appointment of Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board

Background

1. Dr Jonathan Spencer was appointed as Chairman of the Pensions Board from 1 January 2009 for a five year term.
2. The appointment is pursuant to the Church of England Pensions Regulations 1997 and is made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York acting jointly, with Synod's approval.

Process

3. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York concluded that the Pensions Board would benefit from continuity given the challenges facing pension schemes generally and the particular tasks facing the Pensions Board at this time as it finalises the actuarial valuation of the clergy funded pension scheme and launches a consultation around the CHARM rental retirement housing scheme.
4. They have therefore invited Dr Spencer to accept a further five year term as Chairman of the Board. Subject to the Synod's approval, Dr Spencer has accepted the Archbishops' invitation.

Dr Jonathan Spencer CB MA DPhil

5. Dr Spencer graduated from Cambridge University in 1970 and completed his Doctorate in Oxford in 1974 following a period as an ICI research fellow. He joined the Department of Trade and Industry that year and then spent more than 30 years in a range of Civil Service posts, mainly in the DTI (where he was Principal Private Secretary in 1982-3) but also in the Cabinet Office and the Department for Constitutional Affairs.
6. Between 1991 and 2002 he held various Director and Director General posts at the Department of Trade and Industry including DTI Director, Insurance where he was responsible for leading the DTI regulatory contribution to the financial reconstruction of Lloyds of London; and Director General Resources and Services, where he was responsible for the overall financial management of the Department. His final Whitehall post from 2002 to 2005 was as Director General, Clients and Policy, at the Department of Constitutional Affairs.
7. He has since undertaken public policy consultancy and a number of non-executive roles including membership of the Solicitors Regulation Authority (2006-9), the Administrative Justice & Tribunals Council (2005 -), and Gibraltar's Financial Services Commission (2011 -). He is also a deputy chair of East Kent Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and a director of a medium-sized

insurance company. He is the Chair of Governors of two schools, a member of the Canterbury Diocese Discernment Panel and assistant treasurer of Wye PCC.

Recommendation

8. One of the Archbishops will move a motion inviting the Synod to approve their appointment of Dr Jonathan Spencer as Chairman of the Church of England Pensions Board for a further term of five years beginning on 1 January 2014.

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