

GENERAL SYNOD

Appointments to the Archbishops' Council

Background

1. Section 1 of Schedule 1 to the National Institutions Measure sets out the membership and constitution of the Archbishops' Council. Section 1(2) provides for the appointment to the Council of up to six people. No appointment can be made for more than five years, and members appointed under the provisions of section 1(2) may not serve for more than ten years in total.
2. Under section 1(3) of that Schedule, the General Synod's approval is required for those appointments to the Archbishops' Council. The Synod is accordingly invited to approve the appointment of three serving members of the Council for further terms and one new appointment.
3. The Appointments Committee and the Archbishops' Council, both of whom we are required to consult about these appointments, have met and endorsed the process that was followed and confirmed that they are content with the appointments we propose to make.

Further terms of appointment

4. Elections to the new Synod will take place in the late summer and early autumn of 2015 and elections to the Archbishops' Council will take place as soon as possible after that. The next eighteen months will, therefore, inevitably be a period of transition and we therefore propose, in order to maintain a degree of stability during that period, to appoint Mary Chapman, Philip Fletcher and Rosalyn Murphy for further terms.
5. We propose to appoint **Mary Chapman**, who is also Chair of the Council's Audit Committee for a three-year term from 1 January 2015 until 31 December 2017.
6. We also propose to appoint **Philip Fletcher**, chair of the Council's Mission and Public Affairs Council, and **the Revd Dr Rosalyn Murphy**, member of the Appointments Committee and the Turning Up the Volume Task Group, from 1 January 2015 until 31 December 2016.

Vacancy

7. There has been a vacancy amongst the appointed membership of the Council since Professor John Craven's term of appointment came to an end last summer. A process was begun earlier this year to identify a new member, but we have concluded that further time is needed to give more thought to the skills and experience gaps on the Council in order to get that appointment right.

Recommendation

8. The Synod is invited to approve the following appointments to the Archbishops' Council:
 - (i) Mrs Mary Chapman for a term ending on 31 December 2017;
 - (ii) Mr Philip Fletcher for a term ending on 31 December 2016; and
 - (iii) The Revd Dr Rosalyn Murphy for a term ending on 31 December 2016.

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