

**GENERAL SYNOD****Appointment to the Archbishops' Council:  
Chair of the Finance Committee****Process**

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 1 of the National Institutions Measure 1998, the approval of the General Synod is required for appointments to the Archbishops' Council.
2. Canon John Spence was appointed to the Archbishops' Council on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 (which in turn appointed him as Chair of the Finance Committee for the full duration of his current term), following the resignation of Andrew Britton. His term of office will come to an end on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
3. By then he will have served one five-year term as one of the six members of the Council appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, acting jointly. He is eligible to serve for a maximum of ten years.
4. Canon Spence has indicated that he would be happy to serve for a further three years until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The Archbishops have been consulted and wish to propose this further term. The Appointments Committee considered this at its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and endorsed the proposed further term.
5. At its meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018, the Archbishops' Council endorsed the appointment of Canon John Spence to the Archbishops' Council for a further 3 years and, assuming that the General Synod makes the appointment, has invited him to chair its Finance Committee until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**Canon John Spence**

6. Canon John Spence worked for Lloyd's Bank for 32 years, leaving in 2005. Despite suddenly losing his sight in mid-career, he had six managing director roles including as Director of Retail Distribution. He also chaired the Business Banking and Retail Committees of the British Bankers Association, where he led the work to secure the banks' agreement to the 'Responsible Lending Protocols'.
7. Subsequently he has undertaken a number of non-executive roles including with HM Revenue and Customs. He was Finance Chair of Business in the Community from 2014 to 2016, and has been president or chairman of numerous disability charities including Action for Blind People and Revitalise. He was chairman of Essex Community Foundation, is the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care on Essex County Council, and is a governor of Anglia Ruskin University. Before being appointed to the Archbishops' Council, John was chair of the Chelmsford DBF and was a Church Commissioner from 2005 until 2013, where he also chaired their Audit Committee.
8. Canon Spence's invigorating leadership of the Finance Committee, contribution to the full range of the Council's work, and his passionate commitment to church growth, has made a significant impact on the national life of the Church of England.

## **Recommendation**

9. The Synod is invited to approve the appointment of Canon John Spence as a member of the Archbishops' Council from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

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