

## GENERAL SYNOD

### Report on the Archbishops' Council's Activities

#### Introduction

1. The Archbishops' Council presents this report on its activities since the July 2018 group of sessions in accordance with the requirements of the National Institutions Measure 1998. The Council has met three times since its last report was prepared – on 25 September 2018, 4 - 5 December 2018 and 23 January 2019.

#### Meeting of the Archbishops' Council, Royal Foundation of St Katherine's, 25 September 2018

2. The Council met at Royal Foundation of St Katherine's on Tuesday 25 September 2018.
3. The Council received a half-yearly update on the progress of the **2018 Council Objectives**.
4. The Council received an update from the **National Safeguarding Team** and considered proposals for future structure and governance for safeguarding.
5. The Council was able to spend some time with the **Church Commissioners** to initiate discussions on proposals for the next triennium.
6. The Council considered the composition of the **Crown Nominations Commission for the See of Canterbury**. It was proposed that further consideration be undertaken and proposals should be presented to a future meeting.
7. The Council reviewed the progress made by the **AC Working Practices Group**. The Council was updated on plans to improve relations between the Council and its sub-committees and the organisation of the Council, its agenda and business.
8. The Council approved a number of Deemed Items of business, including the Reserves Policy, the ChECs Resolution, adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and appointment of two members of the Church Commissioners' Bishops & Cathedrals Committee.

#### Meeting of the Archbishops' Council, Wilson Carlile Centre, Sheffield, 4 – 5 December 2018

9. The Council approved the emerging plans for its **2018 Annual Report** and approved the **2019 Business Plan**, subject to some minor modifications.
10. The Council reviewed the latest version of its **Risk Register** and provided some refinements to be made.
11. The Council received an update on activities undertaken by the **safeguarding** team. This included an update on the funding for the second Past Cases Review; proposals for insurance cover for work by the National Safeguarding Team overseas; proposals for a Safe Spaces Project; and outline for a National Casework Management System.
12. The Council discussed a number of **finance matters**, including the emerging plans for the 2020 – 2022 Triennium funding, building on discussions in September.

13. Council approved the recommendation from the Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee (RACSC) to increase the **National Minimum Stipend** for clergy by 2% from 1 April 2019.
14. The Council considered two papers from the Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee. They agreed that the Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee should undertake a review of the **clergy remuneration package** and reviewed the **Parochial Fees Order** prior to this being presented to Synod.
15. The Council received a presentation on further plans for **Legislative Reform**, building on the Simplification process and requested further work to be undertaken on scoping plans.
16. The Council received updates on strategies from the **Evangelism and Discipleship** team and **Communications** team. The Council welcomed these updates.
17. The Council approved a number of Deemed Items of business, including the 2018 Report of the Council as Central Stipends Authority to the General Synod, appointment of peer reviewers, appointment of AC Member to the AC Audit Committee and Quarter Three Management Accounts.

#### **Meeting of the Archbishops' Council, Lambeth Palace, 23 January 2019**

18. The Council considered an update on the **Clergy Covenant** which will be further reviewed by the Clergy Wellbeing Group and presented to Synod in July 2019.
19. The Council reviewed a number of **finance matters**, including the terms of reference for the Triennium Funding Working Group, outline plans for Giving and Income Generation, and updated terms of reference for the Investment Committee.
20. The Council reviewed and approved the **Risk Register** which had been updated following the December 2018 Council meeting.
21. The Council were presented with a number of updates, including on the vision from the House of Bishops related to **Growing Faith**, plans for developing a vision for **Ministry Division**, and a **People Update**.
22. The Council approved the proposals for the **Safe Spaces** Project.
23. The Council approved an appointment to the **Bishoprics/Commissioners Committee**.
24. The Council approved a number of Deemed Items of business, including the appointment of peer reviewers; Church Administrators Pension Fund (CAPF) and Master Trust Regulations; appointment to the Ethical Investment Advisory Group Nominations Committee, update on the Archbishops' Council 2019 aims; and Secretary General briefing note.

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