

## GENERAL SYNOD

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

#### Introduction

1. The Archbishops' Council presents this report on its activities since the General Synod Meeting in February 2019. It has met twice on 21 March 2019 and 9 and 10 May 2019.

#### Meeting of the Archbishops' Council, Lambeth Palace, 21 March 2019

1. The Council considered a draft on the **Changes to Capability Procedure** which will be further reviewed by the House of Bishops, House of Clergy and Ministry Council.
2. The Council reviewed a number of **finance matters**, including an update from the Triennium Funding Working Group, outline plans for Social Impact Investment and emerging issues on the 2020 budget.
3. The Council reviewed the draft **Annual Report**, including approving the financial statements for the year ending 31 December.
4. The Council were presented with an update on **Safeguarding**, including reviewing the draft terms of reference for the National Safeguarding Panel.
5. The Council received an update on **Renewal and Reform**. This included a review of 2018 Advent and Christmas campaign, #FollowTheStar, and outline consideration of the 2019 Advent and Christmas campaign. The Council was also provided with an overview of activity since the 2015 Church Buildings Review, including an update on work to improve and release the potential of church buildings for mission.
6. The Council approved a number of Deemed Items of business, requesting adjustments to care for a dependent; 2018 Annual Charity Commission Return and Church Administrators Pension Fund (CAPF) and Master Trust Regulations.

#### Meeting of the Archbishops' Council, Missenden Abbey, 9 and 10 May 2019

7. The Council reviewed a number of **finance matters**, including the final report from the Triennium Funding Working Group. This included references to Strategic Ministry Funding, investment in digital evangelism, social impact investment and proposals for Lowest Income Community Funding. The Council recommended that the outline budget for 2020 be presented to General Synod in July.
8. The Council were provided with an update on **Safeguarding**, including an overview of the Interim IICSA Report into Case Studies on the Diocese of Chichester and Bishop Peter Ball.
9. There was an update on **Renewal and Reform**, looking at activity within the different areas of focus, including estates evangelism and post-industrial towns. In addition, there was a discussion on progress for **Setting God's People Free**.
10. The Council received an update on plans to develop a people management system which is currently in the discovery phase. The Council was told that it would be kept informed of this as it developed.

11. The Council agreed to appoint a working group to develop plans to consider further **Legislative Reform**. It was agreed that the group would report back in due course.
12. The Council had a discussion related to the 2015 **Church Buildings Review**.
13. The Council approved a number of Deemed Items of business, the AC Audit Committee Annual Report, Modern Slavery Statement, Investment Committee Terms of Reference, Cathedral Sustainability, Liability Insurance for Trustees and Officers, Montgomery Leadership Trust and the National Stipends Benchmark.

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