

# **GENERAL SYNOD**

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## **FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2020**

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### **THIRTEENTH NOTICE PAPER**

#### **Financial Statement pursuant to Standing Order 108**

#### **ITEM 50 CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND CARBON REDUCTION**

1. The first step to examine what would be required to reach net zero emissions by 2045 at the latest would be to carry out a baseline assessment of the current emissions. The initial estimate of the cost of extending the current footprinting work to also encompass church halls, diocesan offices, cathedrals clergy housing and the NCIs is £90,000.
2. All parts of the Church of England would then need to consider how best to draw up a plan of action. If required, the estimated cost of ongoing maintenance, data quality assurance, analysis and reporting of a more comprehensive footprinting tool is estimated at £20,000 p.a..
3. The creation of a central expert resource to provide a point of guidance, to identify any Church-wide initiatives required an ultimately create a plan of action is harder to identify, but is likely to run to more than £200,000 p.a..

#### **ITEM 51 CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND CARBON REDUCTION**

4. In the sixth notice paper it is stated that the estimated cost of specific measures to contribute to the aspiration of reducing emissions by 2045 in the original motion was and uncertain and potentially very significant for some initiatives.
5. Bringing forward the target date to achieve net zero emissions from 2045 at the latest as in the original motion to 2030 would require a very significant injection of resource across the Church and the need to give this priority over other planned activities.

## **ITEM 52 CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND CARBON REDUCTION**

6. The estimated cost of this amendment are considered to be the same as the amendment at item 50.

Church House

February 2020