

## **The Diocese of Manchester**

### **Scheme for Variation of Membership of Deanery Synods**

Made pursuant to Part 3 of the Church Representation Rules 2020

#### **PREAMBLE**

1. Following consultation under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 to reconfigure the deanery synods in the Diocese of Manchester and reduce their number to seven (the Deanery Synods) as shown in the Schedule, the Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Manchester (the Diocesan Synod) desire to establish a Scheme for Variation of Membership of the Deanery Synods (the Scheme) under Rule 22 of the Church Representation Rules 2020 (the CRR) to permit each of the reconfigured Bolton Deanery Synod and Oldham and Ashton Deanery Synod to exceed the maximum number of 150 members prescribed under Rule 21 of the CRR
2. The Diocesan Synod consider that the Scheme would best meet the special circumstances of the Diocese in its strategic planning to strengthen leadership and mutual support, enable the Diocese to appoint Area Deans with a full time ministry, provide enhanced opportunity for the Deanery Synods for joint working and ensure that the number of representatives of the house of laity is maintained across all Deanery Synods and not significantly reduced

#### **SCHEME**

The Diocesan Synod, in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 22 of the CRR, hereby makes the following Scheme:

##### **1. Membership of the Deanery Synods**

- 1.1. Rule 21 of the CRR shall be varied so that the total number of members of each of the Bolton Deanery Synod and Oldham and Ashton Deanery Synod may exceed 150
- 1.2. Rule 21 (1) shall be read and construed as:

“ A diocesan synod must exercise its powers under this Part of these Rules so as to secure that the total number of members of each deanery synod in the diocese (with the exception of Bolton Deanery Synod and Oldham and Ashton Deanery Synod (each of which may exceed 150) is:

(a)no more than 150 (subject to paragraph (2)); and

(b)no far as practicable no less than 50 ”

## **2. Part 3 of the CRR**

The provisions of Part 3 of the CRR in so far as they apply to each Deanery Synod have effect subject to the Scheme and where those provisions are inconsistent then the provisions of this Scheme shall prevail

## **3. Date of coming into force**

This Scheme shall be brought into effect on the date of the Bishops Pastoral Order made pursuant to section 54A of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

**Schedule**

**Deanery Synods**

Bolton

Bury and Rossendale

Manchester North and East

Manchester South and Stretford

Oldham and Ashton

Rochdale

Salford and Leigh

DATED this            day of            in the year two thousand and twenty

SIGNED by

(President of the Diocesan Synod)

SIGNED by

(Vice President of the Diocesan Synod)

SIGNED by

(Lay Vice President of the Diocesan Synod)

SIGNED by

(Secretary of the Diocesan Synod)