

GENERAL SYNOD

APRIL GROUP OF SESSIONS 2021

FIRST NOTICE PAPER

FIFTY-SEVENTH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 2198)

Notes:

1. *Members should refer to GS 2198 which explains the effect of these amendments.*
2. *As reported in the Agenda, the Business Committee has determined under Standing Order 40(5) that the proposed amendments to Standing Orders contained in items 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 24, 25 and 26 do not need to be debated.*
3. *Under Standing Order 40(5)(c) those amendments will be deemed to have been approved by the Synod unless either:*
 - a. *due notice is given by not less than 5 members by 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 22 April 2021 that they wish a proposed amendment to be debated; or*
 - b. *due notice is given by 5.30 p.m. on Monday 19 April 2021 of an amendment to any proposed amendment.*

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC (Manchester) to move in respect of the following items: 'That this amendment be made with effect from 26 April 2021'.

Standing Order 51 (First Consideration: general)

- 13** In Standing Order 51, in paragraph (2), omit the words from “; nor is a speech” to the end.
- 14** In Standing Order 51, omit paragraph (4).

15 In Standing Order 51, after paragraph (6), insert—

“(7) Where the Business Committee has determined that, if a Measure or Canon were to be deemed under paragraph (5) to have had First Consideration, it should be considered for revision in Full Synod without a prior Revision Committee Stage, the motion in SO 53(1) is (subject to paragraph (8)) deemed to have been carried immediately after the motion in paragraph (1) is deemed to have been carried; and paragraphs (3) and (4) of SO 53 apply accordingly and paragraph (3) of this Standing Order does not apply.

(8) If, where the Business Committee has made a determination as mentioned in paragraph (7), at least 25 members have, no later than 5.30 p.m. on the day referred to in paragraph (6), given due notice to the Clerk that they wish the Measure or Canon to be committed to a Revision Committee, the Measure or Canon is so committed immediately after the motion in paragraph (1) is deemed to have been carried.”

16 After Standing Order 51 insert—

“51A. First consideration: deemed to be given between groups of sessions

(1) Where the Business Committee has determined that it would be appropriate for a Measure or Canon to be deemed to have had First Consideration before the next group of sessions begins, the Clerk must lay a draft of the Measure or Canon before Synod no later than 56 days before the day on which the next group of sessions is to begin.

(2) The draft laid under paragraph (1) must be accompanied by a notice which—

- (a) states that this Standing Order applies to the Measure or Canon and explains the effect of this Standing Order,
 - (b) specifies the date by which, if the Measure or Canon were to be deemed under this Standing Order to have had First Consideration, proposals for amendment would have to be submitted under SO 55(1), and
 - (c) specifies the date by which a member who wished the Measure or Canon to be debated would have to notify the Clerk of that wish.
- (3) The date specified under paragraph (2)(c) must be at least 35 days after the date on which the draft is laid under paragraph (1) (and may be the same as the date specified under paragraph (2)(b)).
- (4) The motion in SO 51(1) is (subject to paragraph (5)) deemed to have been carried, and the Measure or Canon is accordingly deemed to have been committed to a Revision Committee, on the day after the day specified under paragraph (2)(c); and the period during which amendments may be submitted under SO 55(1) comes to an end at the end of the day specified under paragraph (2)(b).
- (5) If at least 25 members have, no later than 5.30 p.m. on the date specified under paragraph (2)(c), given due notice to the Clerk that they wish the Measure or Canon to be debated—
- (a) the Business Committee must lay before the Synod notice to that effect and must arrange for consideration of the Measure or Canon for First Consideration to take place at a group of sessions,

(b) SO 51 applies as if paragraphs (5) and (6), and the reference to paragraph (5) in paragraph (1), were omitted, and

(c) if the motion in SO 51(1) is carried, any amendments which a member has already submitted are to be treated as submitted for the purposes of SO 55.

(6) A reference to a document being laid before Synod is a reference to—

(a) the document being published on the Synod website, and

(b) a copy of the document being sent to each member of the Synod.”

Standing Order 52 (First Consideration: Consolidation Measures and Consolidation Canons)

17 In Standing Order 52, in paragraph (2), for “(4)” substitute “(3)”.

Standing Order 57 (Revision Committee: report)

18 In Standing Order 57, in paragraph (3), after sub-paragraph (b) insert “, and

(c) in respect of each meeting of the Committee, a statement that every member of the Committee attended the meeting or, if that was not the case, a list of the members who did attend it.”

19 In Standing Order 57, after paragraph (4) insert—

“(4A) Where a report of the Revision Committee relates to both a Measure and a Canon, or to more than one of

each or either, a member of the Committee must, after the motion in paragraph (4) has been voted on and subject to any motions under paragraph (2), move in the Synod a motion in respect of each Measure or Canon “*That the [Measure or Canon] do proceed to the Revision Stage*”; and the question on each motion must be put and voted on without debate.”

Standing Order 58 (Revision following Revision Committee: consideration by Synod)

- 20** In Standing Order 58, in paragraph (2), for the words from “a member” to the end substitute “the motion “*That the [Clause or paragraph] [as amended] stand part of the [Measure or Canon]*” is deemed carried unless a member indicates a wish to speak against the motion”.

Standing Order 59 (Revision following Revision Committee: amendments)

- 21** In Standing Order 59, in paragraph (5), after “supports the amendment” insert “or that, although it does not support the amendment, it nevertheless wishes the debate to continue”.
- 22** In Standing Order 59, in paragraph (6), for “indicates that it does not support the amendment” substitute “does not indicate that it supports the amendment or that it wishes the debate to continue”.
- 23** In Standing Order 59, in paragraph (6), for “40” in each place it appears substitute “25”.
- 24** In Standing Order 59, after paragraph (9) insert—
- “(9A) Amendments which, in the opinion of the Chair, are consequential on an amendment already carried or raise an issue already decided by the Synod in relation

to the Measure or Canon may, with the permission of the Chair, be moved *en bloc* where—

- (a) no notice of amendments to any of the amendments concerned has been given, and
- (b) no member indicates a wish to speak against any of the amendments.”

Standing Order 61 (Final Drafting)

25 In Standing Order 61, in paragraph (8), omit the words from “; and, if” to the end.

26 In Standing Order 61, after paragraph (8) insert—

“(8A) With the permission of the Chair, any other member may move an amendment to a special amendment.

(8B) A member of the Steering Committee may move an amendment to an amendment under paragraph (8A).

(8C) If a special amendment is carried, with such amendments under paragraphs (8A) and (8B) as have been carried, a member of the Steering Committee may move such consequential amendments to the Measure or Canon as appear to him or her necessary.”

Standing Order 64 (Final Approval)

27 In Standing Order 64, in paragraph (2), for “if the Chair or 40 or more members object” substitute “if the Chair objects or if the Synod, on a motion moved by any member, objects”.