

GENERAL SYNOD

Report on the Archbishops' Council's Activities

Introduction

The Archbishops' Council presents this report on its activities since the General Synod Meeting in April 2021. It has met once on 11 and 12 May 2021.

Meeting of the Archbishops' Council, 11 and 12 May 2021, held by Zoom

1. The Council was given an update of the different work strands for **National Safeguarding** team. This included budget planning for the safeguarding programme, an update on redress and plans for the National Safeguarding Casework Management System.
2. The Council reviewed a number of **financial** matters, including the draft 2022 budget, the recommendation to appoint external auditors and the annual actuarial update from the Church Commissioners.
3. The Council engaged with the report of the **Clergy Remuneration** Review in advance of it being presented to General Synod.
4. The Council discussed progress relating to the **Emerging Church**. This included updates on Vision and Strategy, Transforming Effectiveness and Generosity and Diocesan Finances.
5. The Council was given an update on a number of items related to **Governance, Culture and Values**. This included an update on work on values for the NCIs, the results of the Staff Survey, proposals for a review of Board Effectiveness and an internal audit report on governance of the Resourcing Ministerial Formation review. In addition, the Council considered proposals for an enforceable Code of Conduct for General Synod.
6. There was a presentation by the **Church Urban Fund** on their emerging strategy.
7. The Council approved a number of **deemed items** of business, including Clergy Stipends 2022/23, the Emerging Church Steering Group Terms of Reference, a revised Schedule of Authority for the Council and the Modern Slavery Statement.

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