

GENERAL SYNOD

Summary of decisions by the House of Bishops and by its delegated committees

November 2021 – January 2022

1. This summary of decisions includes a summary of decisions made by the House and by committees delegated under its Standing Orders to handle business on its behalf.

HOUSE OF BISHOPS (HOB)

2. All the matters reported were taken in a Committee of the whole House under Standing Order 14.

House of Bishops 24 November 2021

3. The House met remotely by Zoom on this date.
4. The House approved a new policy for Spouses and Partners of Divorced and Separated Clergy.
5. The House approved proposals on Cathedral Visitations and managing co-regulation with the Charity Commission.
6. The House agreed to consider issues of the funding and planning of future ministry at a joint meeting with Diocesan Secretaries on 7 February 2022.

House of Bishops 13 December 2021

7. The House agreed to changes to its Standing Orders regarding the attendance of UKME Observers at its meetings and requested the House of Bishops Standing Committee to approve the Standing Orders as revised at its January meeting.
8. The House approved new guidance on Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults.
9. The House agreed proposals for a Joint Meeting with Diocesan Secretaries on 7 February to discuss the Outlook for the Church.

HOUSE OF BISHOPS STANDING COMMITTEE

House of Bishops Standing Committee 19 November 2021

10. The Standing Committee agreed that further discussions were required between the House of Bishops and the National Safeguarding Team during 2022 and that the issues around handling Safeguarding matters should be considered at the April 2022 Diocesans and Archbishops meeting.
11. The Standing Committee requested the lead Bishop for Safeguarding to feed into the Episcopal consultation process.

12. The Standing Committee requested the National Safeguarding Steering Group to bring the revised draft Policy on Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults to the December meeting of the House.

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