

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2022 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 12.39 P.M.
ON THURSDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2022

OPENING WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr Sara Batts Neale led the Synod in an act of worship.

REPORT BY THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW GROUP (GS 2249)

15 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) welcome the Report of the Governance Review Group (GS 2239);
- (b) invite the Archbishops’ Council and the Church Commissioners to engage with stakeholders in the Church and State on the Report’s recommendations; and
- (c) invite the Archbishops’ Council, in the light of the outcome of that engagement, to introduce legislation for consideration by this Synod to give effect to proposals that involve legislative change.’

was moved.

25 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	162
AGAINST	154

10 abstentions were recorded.

26 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	124
AGAINST	199

24 abstentions were recorded.

27 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	150
AGAINST	185

16 abstentions were recorded.

15 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod:

- (a) thank the Governance Review Group for its work in preparing the report GS 2239 and its Chair for update note GS 2249;
- (b) invite the Archbishops' Council and the Church Commissioners to engage with stakeholders in the Church and State on the Report's recommendations; and
- (c) invite the Archbishops' Council, in the light of the outcome of that engagement, to introduce legislation for consideration by this Synod to give effect to proposals that involve legislative change.'

was carried following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	30	0
Clergy	126	18
Laity	110	53

No abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, 5 in the House of Clergy and 6 in the House of Laity.

EXTENSION OF SITTING

Under Standing Order 15(6) the sitting was extended by 15 minutes by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (GS 2250)

16 The motion

'That the appointment of the Venerable Pete Spiers as Chair of the Appointments Committee be approved.'

was carried.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE DIOCESES COMMISSION (GS 2251)

17 The motion

'That the appointment of Dame Caroline Spelman as Chair of the Dioceses Commission be approved.'

was carried.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 12.39 p.m.