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Report on the Archbishops' Council's Activities

Introduction

The Archbishops' Council presents this report on its activities since the General Synod Meeting in February 2022. It has met twice on 21 March, 3 and 4 May 2022.

Meeting of the Archbishops' Council, 21 March 2022, held at Lambeth Palace and by Zoom

1. The Council discussed **Financial Matters**, including the independent review of Lowest Income Communities Funding and Strategic Development Funding. The Council was updated on the spending plans for 2023-25, and discussed virements to the 2020-22 spending plans. The annual report and financial statements were approved.
2. The Council was discussed the proposal to amend the membership of the **See of Canterbury Crown Nominations Commission**.
3. The 2022 **Business Plan** was approved by the Council and the Council engaged with a new **strategic risk** relating to spiritual renewal.
4. The Council was given an update on the different work strands for the **Emerging Church** work. This included an update on the Vision and Strategy, Transforming Effectiveness, and the report by the Governance Review Group.
5. The Council was presented with a further update from the Episcopal Reference Group of the Faith and Order Commission on how the Council might handle requests from other denominations to perform same-sex marriages in LEPs and other ecumenical arrangements
6. The Council discussed a review of its own **Board Effectiveness** and culture.

Meeting of the Archbishops' Council, 3 and 4 May 2022, held at Bishopthorpe Palace

7. The Council was given an update on work by the **Housing Commission** and discussed potential legislative changes.
8. The Council discussed **Financial Matters**, including the recommendations on the spending plans for 2023-25, and 2023 budget. The Council approved proposals for the governance of the strategic funding programmes. The Council agreed to defer a decision on 2023/24 stipends until later in the year.
9. The Council was agreed the proposal to amend the membership of the **See of Canterbury Crown Nominations Commission** to be presented to the July group of sessions.
10. The Council had an update from **Safeguarding**, including an update from the Chair of the Independent Safeguarding Board. The Council discussed the Safe Spaces project and Interim Support Scheme.
11. The Council was given a number of updates on the progress of work related to

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Racial Justice, Governance Review and Resourcing Ministerial Formation.

12. The Council discussed next steps on its effectiveness.

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