

**GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2022 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 10:00 PM
ON MONDAY 11th JULY 2022**

DSM: REVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR PCC MEMBERSHIP AND ENTRY ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL (GS 2254A AND GS 2254B)

31 The motion

‘That this Synod invite the Archbishops’ Council:

(a) to conduct a review of:

i. the qualifications for membership of parochial church councils, in the light of the existence of bishops’ mission initiatives; and

ii. the qualifications for enrolment on a church electoral roll, and the form of application for enrolment, in the light of the experience of parishes in the diocese that those who attend church regularly do not necessarily understand them; and

(b) to report to the Synod on the conclusions of the review.’

was moved.

78 The amendment (Order Paper VII) was carried.

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31 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod invite the Business Committee while keeping in mind that membership of a parochial church council involves spiritual leadership within a parish, which should properly be exercised by those who habitually attend public worship:

(a) to conduct a review of:

- i. the qualifications for membership of parochial church councils; and;
- ii. the qualifications for enrolment on a church electoral roll, and the form of application for enrolment, and;
- iii. provisions concerned with disqualification from holding office on a parochial church council or a synod constituted under the Church Representation Rules and the availability of mechanisms for checking disqualifications and preventing those who are disqualified from being elected to or holding office.

(b) to report to the Synod on the conclusions of the review.’

was carried.

DSM: AGE VERIFICATION FOR PORNOGRAPHY WEBSITES (GS 2274A AND GS 2274B)

32 The motion

‘That this Synod

(a) acknowledge that our children and young people are suffering grave harm from free access to online pornography and that there is currently no legal requirement for pornography sites to have in place age verification systems to prevent children from having access to those sites.

(b) ask Her Majesty's Government to introduce legislation requiring pornographic sites to have in place age verification systems preventing access by people under the age of 18.

(c) recommend more social and educational programmes to increase awareness of the harms of pornography, including self-generated sexually explicit images.'

was carried following a counted vote by the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	263
AGAINST	2

3 abstentions were recorded.