**THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF *(Please insert CATHEDRAL Name)***

**NOTICE OF FORMAL CONSULTATION**

*(Please insert cathedral Name)* Cathedral is reviewing its Constitution and Statutes.

Under the Cathedrals Measure 2021, all English Cathedrals are required to become charities registered with the Charity Commission and the consultation is a part of this process.

**Why is this happening?**

In 2017, a Church of England working group reviewed and made recommendations on the governance and regulation of all cathedrals. These recommendations formed the basis of the new Cathedrals Measure 2021 which was passed by the General Synod in 2018 and received Royal Assent in 2021.

**What will change, and how does this apply to the Cathedral?**

 All cathedrals in England are required to prepare a new set of Constitutions and Statutes and must also apply to the Charity Commission of England and Wales (‘the Charity Commission’) for registration as a charity, supported by the Church Commissioners. Once registered by the Charity Commission, the cathedral will be co-regulated by the Church Commissioners and the Charity Commission.

*You may also wish to insert changes to committees and how this will impact the elections to Chapter, that Chapter members will be trustees, the fact that the cathedral Council will cease to exist,* the *change to the balance of lay and clergy and executive and non-executive members on Chapter, and any other changes that you deem relevant.*

**Viewing the Constitution and Statutes**

You can view the proposed new Constitution and Statutes *(please insert link where it can be viewed online)*. Printed copies are available for viewing at *(Please insert your address in the diocese where to view from, date and time to view it)[[1]](#footnote-27085)*

The consultation is now open and will close at *(Insert time) on* (insert *date)*

If you have any comments, please email these to *(please insert your email address)* by (*Insert time) on* (*insert date)*

Kind regards

*(Please insert your name)*

*(Please insert cathedral Name and your title)*

Date: (*insert date)*

1. Please note that the purpose of s.32 of the Cathedrals Measure is that the notice is visible to those who do not worship at the Cathedral as well as those who do. In addition to your website, places you may wish to consider displaying your notice are:

	* On a noticeboard outside the Cathedral
	* On any railings at the front of the Cathedral
	* On the welcome desk inside the Cathedral
	* Any place where there is high public footfall
	* Any place where the Cathedral usually posts any legal notices [↑](#footnote-ref-27085)