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National Church Governance Project Board
Agenda

- An introduction to the Project Board
- Why governance reform is necessary
- The benefits of governance reform
- Our proposed structure
- Boards & Committees
- Next steps
- Q & A
The Project Board

Sir David Lidington (Chair)  Alan Smith  Mary Chapman  Abby Scott  The Rev. Canon Flora Winfield

Bishop Andrew Watson  Alison Coulter  The Ven. Simon Fisher  Jamie Harrison

Staff

Stephanie Harrison  Harvey Howlett  Maria Campbell

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Why Governance Reform is necessary

- trust
- Inclusive
- accountability
- effective

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Parishes, Dioceses, Chaplaincies, Cathedrals

**General Synod**

**Bishops**
- Corporately (House / College)
- Lead Bishops for key national functions and policy areas.

**National Church Institutions – Serve, Support, Encourage & Enable**

**Church Commissioners**
- (Investments Distributions)

**Pensions Board**
- (Pensions Clergy Housing)

**National Society**
- (Christian Education, Policy & Services)

**CENS**
- (Strategy, Grants, Prof Services, Policy, etc)
Boards & Committees

- Fewer National Church Institutions
- Improved organisational design
- Simpler Committee structure

- Improved decision-making
- Improved diversity and inclusivity at Board and Committee level
- Greater openness and transparency
Nominations and Governance

- Improved diversity and inclusivity at Board and Committee level
- Greater Board effectiveness
- Improved transparency
- Board member training
- Criteria for selection in appointments and roles
Areas for further work

• GS2290 expresses clearly that our work is in development. We want to listen to the mind of Synod and develop the best possible proposal we can for the collective good of the Church of England as a whole.

• If Synod is willing to support the direction of travel, we will continue to work with the Synod, the House of Bishops and the existing Governance bodies to:
  - Further develop the policy proposals
  - Develop work on culture, virtue and trust
  - Consider the financial implications in detail
  - Develop the legislative framework
  - Consult with the Charity Commission and Parliament
  - Shape a process of transition
National Church Governance Project

Timeline

Consultation & Development

February 2023
GS 2990 Consultation and Fringe Event at Synod

July 2023
Proposals and Legislative framework

February 2024?
First Consideration

Transition and Implementation

2025
Royal Assent

July 2022
GSMisc1319 and Fringe Event at Synod

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Transition and Implementation
QUESTIONS

Please feel free to send any questions to GovernanceReview@ChurchofEngland.org