

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2023 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 12.45 PM
MONDAY 10 JULY

WORSHIP

The Reverend Canon Lisa Battye led the Synod in an act of worship.

VARIATION

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a), the order of business was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that:

- Item 25 (Farewell) would be taken after Item 24
- Items 35 and 36 (Amendments to the Standing Orders) 507A, 513, 514, 507B (Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules) and Item 501 (Electronic Book of Services Register) would be taken after Item 33.

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT (GS 2308)

17 A presentation was made under Standing Order 107

63 The further motion (Order Paper VI) was moved in accordance with Standing Order 106(9).

ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE

The motion

‘That under Standing Order 34(1)(c), the debate on Item 63 be adjourned and resume after items 18 to 24’

was carried.

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL BUDGET 2024 AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT 2024 (GS 2309)

18 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

19 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2024, as shown in its budget, of £14,998,000 in respect of Training for Ministry’

was carried.

20 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2024, as shown in its budget, of £34,180,628 in respect of National Church Responsibilities’

was carried.

21 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2024, as shown in its budget, of £1,518,779 in respect of Grants’

was carried.

22 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2024, as shown in its budget, of £426,510 in respect of mission agency pension contributions’

was carried.

23 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2024, as shown in its budget, of £6,137,441 in respect of the clergy retirement housing grant’

was carried.

24 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 2309) for:

- a) the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2024; and
- b) the pooling adjustment for 2024 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.’

was carried.

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RESUMED DEBATE ON ITEM 63

63 The motion

‘That Standing Order 8(1) be suspended for the duration of Item 63’

was lost following a counted vote of the whole Synod.¹ The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 175

AGAINST 69

17 abstentions were recorded.

¹ By virtue of Standing Order 39(4), this item required a 75% majority of those present and voting in order to be carried. Recorded abstentions are not counted among those present and voting.

63 The time for consideration of the further motion (Order Paper VI) expired by virtue of Standing Order 8(1).

FAREWELL TO CANON JOHN SPENCE

25 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to Canon John Spence CBE (Chairman of the Archbishops' Council Finance Committee) who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS

35 The motion (Order Paper) was carried.

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 for the better conduct of the Synod's business.

36 The motion (Order Paper VI) was carried.

33 The motion (Order Paper VI) was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA I: LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

FACULTY JURISDICTION (AMENDMENT) RULES 2023 (GS 2310)

507A The motion

‘That the Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2023 be considered’

was moved.

ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE

The Chair adjourned the debate in accordance with Standing Order 15(7)(b) at 12.45 p.m.