ORDER PAPER VIII

REVIEW OF THE MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE (GS 2314)

The Revd Flora Winfield (Third Church Estates Commissioner) to move:

28 ‘That this Synod

(a) welcome the Report GS 2314 on the review of the Mission & Pastoral Measure and the recommendations it contains;

(b) request the Archbishops’ Council to bring forward a draft Measure for the First Consideration at a group of sessions in 2024 to give effect to the recommendations that involve legislative change;

(c) call on all concerned, including bishops, dioceses, parishes and the National Church Institutions, to welcome and embrace the call expressed in the Report for good conversations and a pastoral approach to be at the heart of any processes considering possible changes to ministry structures.’

Mr Ian Johnston (Portsmouth) to move as an amendment:

79 ‘In paragraph (a) leave out “and the recommendations it contains” and insert “as a basis for further discussion.”’

Mr Ian Johnston (Portsmouth) to move as an amendment:

80 ‘Leave out paragraph (b) and insert:

“(b) seek further proposals from the Project Board to address more holistically the issue of the trust deficit relating to our parishes, specifically:

i. between a diocese and its parishes;
ii. to provide effective oversight of any decisions that would affect our parishes;

iii. representation of our parishes in the central administration”.

**Item 81 will only be moved if item 80 is not carried**

*The Revd Marcus Walker* (London) to move as an amendment

81 ‘In paragraph (b), at the end insert:

“(i) provided that the legislation results in no reduction of existing rights to make representations and to have them considered by the Church Commissioners or to appeal against their decisions;

(ii) provided that the legislation includes provision for parochial church councils engaging with proposed orders or schemes to have access to legal advice and representation of a equivalent standard to that which is available to dioceses and their officers pursuing them, at no cost to the parish.”’