

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2023 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 10 PM
ON SUNDAY 9 JULY 2023

NATIONAL CHURCH GOVERNANCE (GS 2307)

15 A presentation was made by Sir David Lidington under Standing Order 107.

16 The motion

‘That this Synod:

(a) confirm the recommendations of the National Church Governance Project Board set out in GS 2307 as the basis for the reform of the National Church Institutions and Governance Structures of the Church of England;

(b) request the introduction of draft legislation to give effect to the necessary statutory changes for the implementation of these proposals no later than the February 2024 Group of Sessions.’

was moved.

58 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

59 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost.

60 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

61 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

62 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost after a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 83

AGAINST 260

15 abstentions were recorded.

16 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod:

- a) welcome the recommendations of the National Church Governance Project Board set out in GS 2307 as the basis for the reform of the National Church Institutions and Governance Structures of the Church of England except in respect of recommendation 13, where specific provision should be made so that a majority of the members of the CENS board are either elected or appointed from the members of Synod and except in respect of recommendation 14, where specific provision should be made so that two members of the Audit and Risk Committee are members of either the House of Laity or the House of Clergy of the General Synod and are jointly elected by the members of those Houses;
- b) request the introduction of draft legislation to give effect to the necessary statutory changes for the implementation of these proposals no later than the February 2024 Group of Sessions.’

was carried after a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	328
AGAINST	17

10 abstentions were recorded.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with a blessing at 10 p.m.