

Diocesan Investment Programme Funding Criteria

Within the context of the diocese's strategy, the funding proposal will be assessed by the SMMI Board using the following criteria:

i) Does the proposal have a significant strategic impact aligned with the Church's Vision & Strategy?

Assess whether the scale and phasing of the resources requested reflects the strategic impact in the following areas:

- Scale of delivery against the bold outcomes:
 - Doubling the number of children and young active disciples in the Church of England by 2030.
 - A Church of England which fully represents the communities we serve in age and diversity.
 - A parish system revitalised for mission so churches can reach and serve everyone in their community.
 - Creating ten thousand new Christian communities across the four areas of home, work/education, social and digital.
 - All Anglicans envisioned, resourced, and released to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the whole of life, bringing transformation to the church and world.
 - All local churches, supported by their diocese, becoming communities and hubs for initial and ongoing formation.
- Scale of the target population.

ii) Will the plans (mission, people and financial) achieve the anticipated outcomes?

- Assess whether any elements of the plans, or how they work together, need further development.

iii) Does the overall capacity described give confidence in delivery?

- Assess whether the diocese has the capacity to deliver the proposed plans.
- Assess whether there is a convincing plan for how the work will be sustained once national funding ceases.