

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**FEBRUARY 2025 GROUP OF SESSIONS**  
**BUSINESS DONE AT 6 P.M.**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

**SPORTS AND WELLBEING MINISTRY (GS 2381)**

**RESUMED DEBATE**

43 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

13 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod,

- a) recognise the missional potential for churches of sport and ministry to reach people in every demographic, to generate opportunities to introduce people to the Christian faith, and to transform lives and communities;
- b) call upon all dioceses, in partnership with church schools and Christian organisations already active in this field, to develop a coherent and resourced mission strategy for sport and wellbeing ministry; and
- c) ask the Archbishops’ Council to consider what steps should be taken at a national level to facilitate and coordinate diocesan development of sport and wellbeing ministry and ask the Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board to look favourably on diocesan bids for such ministry.’

was carried.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I:**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**CLERGY CONDUCT MEASURE (GS 2311B)**

**Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval**

500 The motion

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

was carried.

516 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

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501 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Clergy Conduct Measure” be finally approved.’

was carried following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	25	0
Clergy	128	0
Laity	145	0

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Clergy; 2 in the House of Laity.

#### **LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2024 (GS 2384)**

505 The motion

‘That the “Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2025” be approved.’

was carried.

#### **SAFEGUARDING CODE OF PRACTICE: MANAGING ALLEGATIONS AND REPORTING ALLEGATIONS (GS 2372)**

## **Codes of Practice under section 5A of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016**

514 The motion

‘That the Safeguarding Code of Practice: Managing Allegations be approved.’

was carried.

515 The motion

‘That the Safeguarding Code of Practice: Reporting Allegations be approved.’

was carried.

### **SPECIAL AGENDA IV**

#### **DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

#### **ADD CONFIRMATION NUMBERS TO STATISTICS FOR MISSION (GS 2371A AND GS 2371B)**

The motion,

‘That this Synod:

- a) request that the number of candidates presented for confirmation should be recorded, so they could be used by parishes, deaneries or dioceses as one of their measures if they so desired; and
- b) support the recording of confirmations, alongside baptisms, weddings and funerals in the annual Statistics for Mission online return.’

was carried.

### **WORSHIP**

The Synod was led in an act of worship by the Diocese of Sheffield.