

Diocese of Newcastle
Diocesan Synod
Alteration of Standing Order 72
(Composition of the Bishop's Council & Standing Committee)

1. The Synod will recall that in November 2016 it passed a resolution granting the making of an Instrument of Delegation to the Suffragan Bishop of Berwick under the provisions of Section 13 of the Dioceses Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 (paper DS16 11). The Synod is now asked to approve the amending of Standing Order 72 which sets out the composition of the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee.
2. At a meeting of the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee (*the Council*) held on 24th January 2017 the Council considered a request to amend Standing Order 72. The request was to amend the Standing Order to include the Suffragan Bishop of Berwick as an ex-officio member of the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee.
3. At the same meeting the Council considered some minor changes to recognise the changes to the name of the Pastoral Committee to the Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee and to amend 'Chairman' to 'Chair'.
4. Having considered these amendments the Council has recommended they be approved by the Diocesan Synod and, for expediency, that this business be considered at a short formal session of the Open Synod on 11 March 2017.
5. The Synod is invited to approve the following motion:

That this Synod approves the following amendments to Standing Order 72.

In the list of ex-officio members to:

Remove 'The Assistant Bishop'; and
Insert 'The Suffragan Bishop of Berwick'

Remove 'The Chairman of the Newcastle Diocesan Board of Finance'; and
Insert 'The Chair of the Newcastle Diocesan Board of Finance'

Remove 'The Chairman of the Newcastle Diocesan Pastoral Committee'; and
Insert 'The Chair of the Newcastle Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee'

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Extract from the Standing Orders

THE BISHOP'S COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE

Composition

72. *The bishop's council and standing committee (in these standing orders referred to as "the standing Committee") shall consist of:-*

Ex-officio members

The President

The Clerical Vice-President (elected in accordance with standing order 5)

The Assistant Bishop

The Dean of the Cathedral church of St Nicholas, Newcastle

The Archdeacon of Northumberland

The Archdeacon of Lindisfarne

The Lay Vice-President (elected in accordance with standing order 5)

The Chairman of the Newcastle Diocesan Board of Finance

The Chairman of the Newcastle Diocesan Pastoral Committee

Elected Members

The following persons elected from among the members of the Synod:

3 Clergy (of whom at least one shall be licensed or beneficed in the Archdeaconry of Lindisfarne and of whom at least one shall be licensed or beneficed in the Archdeaconry of Northumberland)

6 Laity (of whom at least one shall reside in the Archdeaconry of Lindisfarne and of whom at least one shall reside in the Archdeaconry of Northumberland)

In Attendance

The Diocesan Secretary

The Diocesan Communications Officer

The Bishop's Chaplain

Amendment of Standing Order

116. A motion for the amendment of these standing orders shall not be moved before it has been considered by the standing committee. The standing committee shall report to the synod, orally or in writing as it thinks fit, on the implication of each proposed amendment.