



Diocese of Newcastle

2015 Elections to
Diocesan Councils,
Boards and Committees

Nomination Form

Bishop's Council & Standing Committee

This nomination form is for those wishing to stand for election to the Bishop's Council & Standing Committee. Those elected serve for three years with effect from 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2018.

MEMBERSHIP

The President (the Bishop), of the Diocesan Synod, the Assistant Bishop, the Clerical Vice-President and the Lay Vice-President, the Dean, the two Archdeacons, the Chairman of the Board of Finance and the Chairman of the Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee plus nine elected members.

Chair: The Bishop of Newcastle Secretary: Shane Waddle

MEETINGS

The Council usually meets six times a year including one residential.

LAY ELECTIONS

How many?	6 (six) places including one from each Archdeaconry
Who may stand?	Any lay member of Diocesan Synod and who is not disqualified (see over)
Who may nominate and second candidates?	Members of the House of Laity of Diocesan Synod

CLERGY ELECTIONS

How many?	3 (three) places including one from each Archdeaconry
Who may stand?	Any person ordained or licensed to a parish in the diocese and who is not disqualified (see over)
Who may nominate and second candidates?	Members of the House of Clergy of Diocesan Synod

The Bishop's Council is the Synod's Standing Committee and takes a strategic overview of the life of the Diocese. It develops policy and sets priorities under the direction of the Synod and the Bishop. Its work includes advising on financial and strategic decisions, holding together policy, finance, and deployment of resources within the framework of the Church's mission. The Bishop's Council acts as the Board of Directors of the Diocesan Board of Finance and members are trustees of the Board as a registered charity.

The Council also ensures that the work done through Task Groups matches the priorities for the diocese, and that Task Groups are set up to carry out necessary work in areas not already covered. Members of Bishop's Council need to be people who are keen to work together to develop a strategic vision for the diocese as a whole. The Council requires people with a range of skills and interests, in mission, pastoral organisation and finance.

CAN ANYONE ACT AS A CHARITY TRUSTEE?

No-one under the age of 18 can be appointed either as a charity trustee or as a nominee (except that a person under the age of 18 can be the director of a charitable company). Some people are disqualified by law from acting as charity trustees or nominees, including anyone described in section 178 of the **Charities Act 2011**. This includes:

- anyone who has been convicted of an offence involving deception or dishonesty, unless the conviction is spent;
- anyone who is an undischarged bankrupt;
- anyone who has previously been removed from trusteeship of a charity by the Court or the Commissioners for misconduct or mismanagement; and
- anyone who is under a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986.

CAN ANYONE BE A DIRECTOR?

- the person must not have been disqualified by a court from acting as a company director (unless he or she has been given leave (permission) to act by a court for a particular company); and
- the person must not be an undischarged bankrupt (except with leave of the court).

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NOMINATION FORM FOR THE BISHOP'S COUNCIL & STANDING COMMITTEE

(write clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS)

I, _____ (your name) Nominate:

Name _____
(Title) (Christian Name) (Surname)

Address: _____

(Post Code)

Telephone _____ Occupation _____

Email _____

I certify that he/she is eligible to stand, has given his/her consent and that I, as a Member of the Diocesan Synod, am eligible to make this nomination as set out in this paper:

Signed _____

Address: _____

(Post Code)

Telephone _____ Date _____

Email _____

I second the nomination and am eligible to do so:

Signed _____

Address _____

(Post Code)

Telephone _____ Date _____

Email _____

Declaration by the nominated candidate

In order to assist the voters, candidates are asked to submit in not more than 100 words, on a separate sheet, information about themselves and why they seek election to the Bishop's Council & Standing Committee (this will be inserted in the voting paper).

I certify that I am willing to stand for election and not disqualified from membership of the Bishop's Council & Standing Committee under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011.

Signed _____
(Candidate)

Date _____

Nominations

Return the completed form to:

The Diocesan Secretary, Church House, St John's Terrace,
North Shields NE29 6HS

by **noon on Monday 5th October 2015.**