

What is it?

- A statutory committee established by the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.
- Members are the members of Bishop's Diocesan Council (BDC) – who provide the membership of the DMPC, Bishop's Council and Executive of the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance.

What are its responsibilities?

- The DMPC is responsible for keeping the arrangements for pastoral supervision and care in the Diocese under review.
- In carrying out its work, it is required to have regard to a number of factors, including “the making of provision for the cure of souls in the diocese as a whole”, “the traditions, needs and characteristics of individual parishes”; and “financial implications” for the Diocese and the Church of England as a whole.
- The DMPC makes recommendations concerning pastoral supervision and care to the Bishop.

What is the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee (DMPC)?

A brief explanation

How does it work in practice?

- The DMPC delegates most of its functions to four Archidiaconal Mission and Pastoral Committees (AMPCs) and the Church Buildings and Strategy Committee (CBSC).
- The AMPCs are chaired by the Suffragan Bishop with responsibility for the Archdeaconry, with support from the Archdeacon. Members include the Rural Deans and Deanery Lay Chairs. The AMPCs meet twice a year to consider proposals for pastoral reorganisation, suspension of presentation etc. in the relevant Archdeaconry.
- The AMPCs are serviced by the Mission and Pastoral Secretary, who manages the legal processes that are initiated.
- The CBSC deals with proposals for the closure of church buildings for regular public worship.

The Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

- The text of the Measure can be accessed [here](#).
- The Measure is currently under review, with a national consultation taking place as part of the Church of England's commitment to simplification.
- The consultation closes on the 30th September, and all are invited to respond. The consultation paper makes interesting reading – it can be found [here](#), together with information on how to participate in the consultation.

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