

**BISHOP'S DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

comprising

**The Bishop's Council and Standing Committee  
The Executive of the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd.  
The Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee**

**A meeting will be held at the Old Deanery, Exeter  
on Saturday 2nd December 2023 at 10:00**

The Old Deanery  
The Cloisters  
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17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Introductory Worship

The Acting Bishop of Exeter in the chair

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies and Notices
2. Declaration of any actual or potential conflict of interest arising from the agenda or accompanying papers.
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 **Paper BDC/44/23**  
10.15
4. To receive verbal update relating to 'Living in Love and Faith'  
10.25

The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance in the chair

5. To note independent financial advice concerning the adoption of Total Return, to approve the application of Total Return accounting to both assets classes of the Diocesan Stipends Capital Fund, to confirm the use of the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) for the purpose of calculating the current value of the Base Investments and to confirm that a maximum of 20% of the Unapplied Total Return Fund will be taken as income to support the Energy Performance Certificates and Net Zero Carbon upgrade works to clergy housing **Paper BDC/45/23**  
10.55

The Acting Bishop of Exeter in the chair

6. To receive an update on the Parish Giving Scheme and the implementation of the Diocesan Giving Strategy **Paper BDC/46/23**  
11.05
7. To approve revised Terms of Reference for the Environment Working Group **Paper BDC/47/23**  
11.10
8. To approve a scheme of amendment to the 'Model Rules for PCCs' in respect of the Conventional District of Cranbrook **Paper BDC/48/23**  
11.15
9. To approve a Joint Council scheme for parishes of Brampford Speke, Newton Saint Cyres, Rewe with Nether Exe, Stoke Canon with Huxham, Thorverton and Upton Pyne in the Netherexe benefice **Paper BDC/49/23**  
11.20
10. To consult the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee concerning the nomination of a member to the Church Buildings Strategy Committee **Paper BDC/50/23**  
11.25

#### Deemed Items

11. To receive an update on Common Fund received for the year to date **Paper BDC/51/23**
12. DMPC Secretary's report **Paper BDC/52/23**  
**Late circulation**
13. To receive a report from the Assets Group **Paper BDC/53/23**
14. To receive a report from the DBF Standing Committee **Paper BDC/54/23**
15. To receive an update on operational reporting **Paper BDC/55/23**

❖ It is expected that the meeting will conclude at approx. 11.30

❖ If at any time you become aware of an actual or potential conflict of interest in any matter to be discussed or under discussion, you must declare it forthwith.

#### Meeting dates for BDC and Diocesan Synod in 2024

BDC	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January, 10.00 – 13.00	The Old Deanery
Synod	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March, 10.00 – 16.00	To be confirmed
BDC	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May, 18.00 – 21.00	The Old Deanery
BDC	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July, 18.00 – 21.00	The Old Deanery
BDC	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September, 18.00 – 21.00	The Old Deanery
Synod	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October, 10.00 – 16.00	County Hall
BDC	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 10.00 – 13.00	The Old Deanery