

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 on Wednesday 8th July 2026
at the Old Deanery, Exeter at 18.00**

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Exeter EX1 1HS

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24th June 2026

Committee (Board) Meeting of the Exeter Diocesan Trust

AGENDA

Opening worship led by Dr Jennie Golding

The Chair of the Exeter Diocesan Trust in the chair

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2025 **Paper EDT/01/26**
3. To elect Mrs. Clare Lillington and the Revd. Deborah Leighton-Plom as directors
4. To report on documents sealed by the Trust **Paper EDT/02/26**
5. To report on Trusts accepted/wound up during the year **Paper EDT/03/26**
6. To approve the Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2025 **Paper EDT/04/26**
7. To appoint Bishop Fleming LLP as Auditors for the ensuing year

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Bishop of Exeter in the chair

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 12th May 2026 **Paper BDC/26/26**

The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance in the chair

4. To approve the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance for the year ended 31st December 2025 for presentation to the Annual General Meeting **Paper BDC/27/26**

‘This meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance approves the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025’

The Bishop of Exeter in the chair

5. To record formally the receipt by the Bishop's Council of the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for 2025 and to recommend their presentation to Diocesan Synod.
6. To recommend the appointment of Bishop Fleming LLP to Diocesan Synod as auditors for the ensuing year.

7. To receive an update on the Budget Strategy **Paper BDC/28/26**
8. To receive the annual report of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel **Paper BDC/29/26**

Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance in the chair

9. To agree revisions to the DBF Articles of Association for transmission to Diocesan Synod
Paper BDC/30/26

The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance to move:

- (a) THAT the Articles of Association set out in the document produced at this meeting and signed by the chair of the meeting for the purposes of identification (the **New Articles**) be and are hereby approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company, such adoption to be conditional upon and shall not take effect unless and until the Charity Commission for England and Wales (the **Charity Commission**) has given its prior written consent (if required) to each regulated alteration contained in the New Articles pursuant to the Charities Act 2011.
- (b) THAT the directors be authorised to agree and make such amendments to the New Articles as may be required by the Charity Commission as a condition of giving its consent, provided such amendments do not, in the reasonable opinion of the directors, materially alter the substance or intent of the New Articles as approved by these special resolutions.

The Bishop of Exeter in the chair

10. To receive a report from the Project Board for 'Pray, Grow, Serve 2035' **Paper BDC/31/26**
11. To consider a draft scheme of elections to Diocesan Synod for the 2027 – 2030 triennium
Paper BDC/32/26
12. To agree items for the agenda of the October meeting of Diocesan Synod

Deemed Items

13. To revoke District Church Council schemes in the parish of Dartmouth **Paper BDC/33/26**
14. To receive an update for Common Fund for the year-to-date **Paper BDC/34/26**
15. To receive a forecast of BDC and Synod business for the next 12 months **Paper BDC/35/26**
16. To note documents sealed by the Diocesan Board of Finance **Paper BDC/36/26**
17. To note Trusts and funds for investment accepted by, or wound up by, the Diocesan Board of Finance
Paper BDC/37/26

- ❖ 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.

Remaining meeting dates for BDC and Diocesan Synod in 2026

BDC	Thursday 10 th September, 18.00 – 21.00	The Old Deanery
Synod	Saturday 10 th October, 10.00 – 16.00	St Matt's, Exeter
BDC	Saturday 28 th November, 10.00 – 13.00	The Old Deanery