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Diocese of Leeds – Leeds Board

Minutes of the Leeds Board held on 11 July 2018 at Church House, 17/19 York Place, Leeds LS1 2EX.

Present:

The Rt Revd Nick Baines (Chair), Mr Simon Baldwin, Mrs Marilyn Banister, Ms Kay Brown, The Revd Canon Simon Cowling, The Ven Dr Anne Dawtry, Mrs Jane Evans, The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Gibbs, The Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Canon Ann Nicholl, The Rt Revd Tony Robinson, The Rt Revd Paul Slater, Mrs Jane Wardman and The Revd Nigel Wright.

In Attendance:

Mrs Debbie Child, The Revd Canon Andrew Norman, Mr Geoff Park and Mr Irving Warnett.

Item Number	Minute
1	Opening Prayers. The Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley led the opening prayers.
2	Welcome and Apologies. The Bishop of Leeds opened the meeting.

	<p>Apologies had been received from The Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth, The Very Revd John Dobson, The Revd Canon Tony Macpherson, Major Geoffrey Berry, Mr Andrew Maude, Archdeacon Paul Ayers, Archdeacon Andy Jolley, Archdeacon Bev Mason, Archdeacon Peter Townley, Mrs Judith Calvert, Mr Peter Foskett, Mr Chris Tate and Ms Alison Bogle.</p> <p>A paper from Debbie had been tabled outlining the elections/nomination timetable for the new term Leeds Board trustees.</p>
3	<p>Declarations of interest.</p> <p>There were no declarations of conflicts of interest concerning any items on the Agenda.</p>
4	<p>Minutes of the Leeds Board held on 9 May 2018 LB18 07 02</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <p>“The Revised Draft Minutes of the Leeds Board held on the 9 May 2018 be approved.”</p>
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting on 9 May 2018</p> <p>It was confirmed that Millie Cork, General Synod member, was content for her contact details to be passed on.</p> <p>Additional matter:</p> <p>It was agreed that, mindful of the current financial issues facing the diocese, the Leeds Board residential meeting scheduled for 9-10 November 2018 be re-scheduled as a one day meeting on 10 November 2018 instead, probably to be held at Church House, Leeds. Further details would be circulated in due course.</p>
6	<p>Safeguarding update LB18 07 04</p> <p>Members had been circulated with a Safeguarding report. Debbie highlighted that the C2 training for non-clergy leaders eg parish safeguarding officers and churchwardens applies to around 2000 people. The diocese doesn't have the capacity to train so many people, so the advice is that these people don't need to sign up to C2 training immediately. As stated in her report, the safeguarding team were also seeking an exemption in respect of past case reviews work. This request was based on the work already done and previous reassurances that the diocese did not need to do any additional work.</p>

	<p>It was agreed that the Board would discuss (at a residential/full day meeting of the Board) issues around Church culture and Safeguarding, what the Church says about Safeguarding and what Society perceives it to be saying.</p>
7	<p>Proposed Diocesan Synod 13 October 2018 Agenda items LB18 07 05</p> <p>A list of the proposed items for the Diocesan Synod on 13 October 2018 had been circulated for approval.</p> <p>The items were approved.</p> <p>The Board members asked for more time at the Synod meetings for discussion/questions of clarification on presentations. It was confirmed that venues and timings of Synod (eg possibly holding longer meetings eg from 10am to 4pm) would be monitored.</p>
8	<p>GDPR Update report (for noting) LB18 07 06</p> <p>A copy of a report of the work being undertaken to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) had been circulated. Members had been asked to send any questions prior to the meeting so that answers could be tabled. No questions had been received.</p> <p>The members noted the report.</p>
9	<p>Finance Report LB18 07 07; LB 07 07 01</p> <p>A copy of a Finance Report from Geoff Park and Irving Warnett and a copy of the Parish Share payments schedule to the 31.5.18 had been circulated to the Board members. Geoff and Irving presented this item.</p> <p>GP confirmed that the financial situation broadly remained the same. Work was currently being carried out on full year forecasts. Current indications were that the deficit figure would be around £2.8m and that Parish Share receipts would be £400k below budget.</p> <p>Point 18 of the Finance Report</p> <p>Sharron Arnold had resigned as Chair of the Audit Committee so she could remain on the FAIC. The Board were asked to let GP have names of possible candidates to be the new Chair.</p>
10	<p>Strategy LB18 07 08</p> <p>A document from the Strategy Group had been circulated for noting. Bishop Paul Slater gave an update.</p>

11	<p>Any other business.</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>
	<p>The next item was considered by the Leeds Board (Leeds DBF/Bishop's Council) members only. Andrew Norman left the meeting. DC, GP and IW remained to present the item.</p>