

Oxford Diocesan Synod DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CARE OF CHURCHES (DAC) AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

background paper

The Bishop's Council approved minor changes to the DAC constitution at their meeting on 8th October as presented by the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and recommended this be formally approved by the Diocesan Synod.

The constitution of the Oxford DAC requires an Archdeacon to be present for the meeting to be considered quorate. With the intense pressure on Archdeacons' diaries it has become increasingly difficult for this to be achieved, and the DAC secretary has often had to contact an Archdeacon in the days before the meeting to ensure they will attend, having received apologies from the other Archdeacons.

With the introduction of assistant Archdeacons, the Archdeacons have understandably taken the opportunity to ask their commissaries to attend the DAC meeting in their place. The DAC constitution therefore needs to be slightly amended to enable the attendance of Archdeacon commissaries (which would include the proposed Associate Archdeacons) to meet the Archdeacon attendance criteria. The proposed revision is to clause 15 and has been highlighted below:

Clause 15: To be considered quorate, a meeting of the DAC must be attended by: a) either the Chair or the Vice-Chair; b) one Archdeacon **or their commissary**; and c) one third of the total number of the other members of the DAC appointed under paragraph 5(a) or (b) above, at least one of whom must be a qualified architect or surveyor.

The Revd Derek Witchell, Chair of the Diocesan Advisory Committee to move "That this Synod approve the above amendment to the constitution of the Diocesan Advisory Committee"

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