

# **DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## *Statutory Provision: Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 1991*

The Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 1991 requires every diocese to have a Diocesan Board of Education, with the functions assigned to it by the Measure. The Board is responsible to the Diocesan Synod.

### **Constitution**

The Board is constituted in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of the schedule to the Measure. The diocesan provision was approved within the statutory framework by the Diocesan Synod at its meeting on 17 June 2017.

**Chairman:** The Bishop shall be chairman of the Board except that, if he does not desire to be chairman, the Board after consultation with the Bishop, shall appoint some other person (whether or not a member of the Board) to be chairman, and the person so appointed shall be an ex officio member of the diocesan synod.

**Membership:** the board shall consist of:

- (i) the Diocesan Bishop or his/her nominated representative;
- (ii) the Diocesan Secretary or his/her nominated representative;
- (iii) the chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance or his/her nominated representative;
- (iv) three persons nominated by the Bishop/co-opted/appointed by the Board, at least one of whom must be an archdeacon of an archdeaconry in the Diocese and all of whom shall be persons with experience of other areas of work with which the Board is concerned;
- (v) seven members elected in accordance with the provisions below:

**Elected by the diocesan synod:** 7, of whom:

- (i) two shall be clerks in Holy Orders, beneficed or licensed in the diocese;
- (ii) two shall be lay persons;
- (iii) three Headteachers from schools within the Diocese, of whom two shall be from a Primary School and one shall be from a Secondary School and who may be lay members or Clerks in Holy Orders.

### **Terms of Reference**

The functions of the Board shall be:

- (a) to promote or assist in the promotion of education in the diocese, being education which is consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England;
- (b) to promote or assist in the promotion of religious education and religious worship in schools in the diocese;

- (c) to promote or assist in the promotion of church schools in the diocese and to advise the governors of such schools and trustees of church educational endowments and any other body or person concerned on any matter affecting church schools in the diocese;
- (d) to promote co-operation between the Board and bodies or persons concerned in any respect with education in the diocese;
- (e) the functions assigned to the Board by this Measure; and
- (f) such other functions not contrary to this Measure as are assigned to the Board by the diocesan synod, other than functions relating to church schools or church educational endowments.

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