

# DEANERY SYNOD ELECTIONS



## **Purpose of this paper**

As I have communicated to members of that body and to clergy, PCC Secretaries and others, Diocesan Synod does need to agree the method and total of Deanery Synod members for the elections to Deanery Synods this year.

The reality is that the rules have not changed in this diocese for seventeen years and it is a fairly dry subject for any representative body.

The rules do state that any change would had to have been agreed before December 2025 and the reality is that there have been many complicated adjustments made to the figures to try and ensure fairness.

Diocesan House staff will ensure good communication around when and how the elections are to take place once as soon as practical after Synod.

## **Changing the Formula?**

I have received one request to amend the formula which is. I have also received one request advising me to resist any attempts to change the formula.

## **Proposals**

At its January meeting, Archbishop's Council recommended to Synod:

1. The current system remains and the allocations stay as set out in previous years (i.e. no change)
2. Should Synod see fit, convene a reference group to review options and make recommendations to Synod in time for the next round of Deanery Synod elections in three years' time

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