

## **Diocesan Synod – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

### **Item 7 – Deanery Synod Representation 2026**

#### **Amendment proposed by Amanda Robbie (General Synod) and to be moved by Chris Gill (General Synod)**

At the meeting of Diocesan Synod in November 2022, the following amendment to the Deanery Synod formula paper was agreed: *"The need for a review of representation, in the light of both Shaping for Mission and the issues raised by Lilas Rawling, has been noted. We will carry out detailed work in the next triennium to be as helpful as possible to parishes and to the wider scheme of representation."*

Unfortunately, this work was not carried out, and we therefore find ourselves with a Deanery Synod formula that has not been examined for fitness for purpose for many years, despite many changes in the diocese.

Therefore, the following amendment to this motion is proposed:

As well as approving this formula, a detailed review of representation, examining changes to electoral rolls and to governance in parishes will be carried out in the next year, and its findings presented to Synod in November 2026. This review will also take into account the recommendations of the Church Representation Rules (CRR) 21 (1) which require that:

- ‘the total number of members of any Deanery Synod in the diocese shall not be more than 150 and, so far as practicable, shall not be less than 50’ and
- ‘the House of Laity is not less in number than the House of Clergy’