

## **Review of Standing Committee Membership**

### **Background**

The Diocesan Constitution defines membership of its Standing Committee as follows:

### **Membership of the Standing Committee**

*59. Members of the Standing Committee must be members of the Diocesan Conference.*

*60. The Standing Committee shall consist of:*

#### **Ex-Officio members:**

*The Bishop,*

*The Chancellor of the Diocese*

*The Dean*

*The Archdeacon of Wrexham*

*The Archdeacon of St Asaph*

*The Archdeacon of Montgomery*

*Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance*

*Vice Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance*

*Chair of the Diocesan Property Board*

*The Diocesan Registrar*

*The Secretary of the Diocesan Conference*

*The Lead Officers of the Diocesan Boards and Councils*

*The Lead Officers of the Diocesan Steering Groups and the Diocesan Grants Committee*

#### **Elected members**

*One elected clerical representative for each Mission Area.*

*One elected lay representative from each Mission Area.*

*61. Elected members shall hold office for the triennium of the Diocesan Conference for which they were elected, or until they cease to be members of the Diocesan Conference.*

In addition, all Mission Area Leaders (lay and ordained), are invited to attend Standing Committee meetings but are not entitled to vote unless they are also an elected member of the Standing Committee.



## **For Consideration**

The current membership criteria leads to some disparity in the representation of Mission Areas at meetings of the Standing Committee. In some cases, the Mission Area Leader is also the elected lay or clerical representative and so attends the meeting, is entitled to speak on all issues and also has the right to vote. In other cases, the Mission Area Leader attends in addition to the elected representatives and is entitled to speak on all issues but does not have the right to vote. In other Mission Areas, the Mission Area Leader rarely attends meetings of the Standing Committee and is content for the elected representatives to fulfil the responsibilities of membership.

## **Action required**

Members of the Standing Committee are invited to discuss whether they are satisfied with the current membership criteria for the Standing Committee as they relate to Mission Area Leaders or whether these should be amended to reflect the increasingly significant role that the Mission Areas and the Mission Area Leaders play in the life of the Diocese of St Asaph.