

Following much discussion by the Diaconate the following proposals were put to the Church Meeting in September 2023 in respect of changes to the Church Constitution.

1) That the following change be made at **clause 15.6**, which currently states:

The Church Members' Meeting shall arrange for the appointment of a Church Secretary and Church Treasurer (or equivalents) who shall by the nature of their responsibilities be Charity trustees.

The change would be to **add** the following sentence:

'The roles of Church Secretary and Treasurer will be ex officio, therefore giving the postholders full rights as Charity Trustees within the Diaconate, but with the position being held for one year only and then subject to re-nomination and voting should the postholder be willing to continue in that role.'

This proposal was ACCEPTED

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2) That the following change be made at **clause 15.7**, which currently states:

At all times a majority of the Charity Trustees shall be persons (who are not disqualified by statute) who have been baptised in the manner described in the Declaration of Principle in clause 3.

The change would be to re-word the clause as follows:

'At all times the Charity Trustees shall be persons (who are not disqualified by statute) who have been accepted into full membership of the Church on profession of their faith.'

This proposal was ACCEPTED

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3) That the following change be made at **clause 15.8**, which currently states:

A close family member (spouse/partner) of a serving Charity Trustee shall not be eligible for appointment as a Charity Trustee.

The change would be to remove the word 'not' and expand the definition of close family member, thus rewording the clause as follows:

'A close family member (spouse, parent, child, sibling) of a serving Charity Trustee shall be eligible for appointment as a Charity Trustee.'

This proposal was REJECTED