DIOCESE of WINCHESTER

DIOCESAN SYNOD ACTS

17th June 2026

Acts of Diocesan Synod

held on 17th June 2026 at St Paul's, Bursledon

47 members were present.

1 WELCOME

The Chair of the House of Laity welcomed members of Synod.

2 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Bishop Philip gave his presidential address to Synod.

Full text of his speech can be found here

3 VISION AND STRATEGY DS26/07

The Diocesan Secretary updated Synod on the Diocesan Vision and Strategy, explaining that further to a successful Concept Design Review meeting on the 8th June, encouragement had been given for the application to be submitted to the October SMMIB meeting (rather than the December meeting, as previously communicated).

Questions and comments were taken from the floor.

The Chair of the House of Clergy proposed the motion:

"This Synod commends the developing Diocesan Vision & Strategy and requests to Directors of the WDBF to submit an application to the Strategic Mission & Ministry Investment Board for October 2026."

The motion was carried unanimously with no abstentions and none against.

4 THREE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN AND CMF REQUEST DS26/08

The Diocesan Secretary presented the Three Year Financial Plan consultation.

The Chair of the House of Laity proposed the motion:

"This Synod authorises the Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance to collect £9,707,000 in Common Mission Fund in 2027."

The motion was carried with one abstention and none against.

5 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

No questions were received.

Bishop Philip closed the meeting in prayer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- Thursday 26th November 2026 6 – 8.30pm St Paul's Winchester
- Wednesday 24th March 6pm - 8.30 pm St Paul's Winchester
- Wednesday 23rd June 6pm – 8.30 pm TBC
- Monday 29th November 6pm – 8.30 pm TBC

DEEMED BUSINESS

Approved nem con.

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