



Thames North Synod
Saturday 12 March 2016
10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Paper B3

*(Report from
Resources
Committee)*

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Since its formation the Resources Committee has held two meetings on 21 January and 1 March 2016.

On behalf of Synod the Committee is charged with accepting responsibility for the Synod's financial and material resources and exercising good stewardship in their management in accordance with the Terms of Reference agreed by Synod on 19 September 2015.

In undertaking this task the Committee recognises that our ways of working will of necessity, by comparison with the past, combine elements of both continuity and change. We have inherited the responsibilities of three predecessor committees and we must ensure that these are sustained effectively. At the same time we recognise that we must now operate in the context of the re-visioned Synod, its new committee structure, and the principle that mission and growth is driven and implemented locally and facilitated centrally.

As an initial response to these challenges we have agreed to:

- continue for the foreseeable future some of the principles established by our predecessors, such as deficit budgets and our approach to inter-synod sharing
- provide support and guidance for our officers, including a statement of delegated authority that will clarify their powers act on behalf of the Committee between meetings
- focus our meetings on those aspects of business where the Committee needs to make decisions
- operate as flexibly as possible while the new Synod structures are being developed
- develop a Single Application Form for all grants and loans from Synod funds, which will include support for an applications from the appropriate Local Area Group and comments from the Discipleship and Pastoral Committees.

John Wise
Convener of Resources Committee

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