

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Director of Education
Mr. Alex Tear MA(Ed) (Hons)

7th April 2016

To:

Rural & Area Deans
All Deanery Synod Secretaries

Dear Colleague

Diocesan Board of Education – Proposals for Re-Constitution

Further to the meeting of the Diocesan Synod on the 19th March, I am writing to share the proposals for the re-constitution of the Diocesan Board of Education with you as part of the consultation process with all Deanery Synods.

These proposals have also been noted by Bishop's Council and shared with the Diocesan Bishop, Archdeacons and Senior Staff within the diocese.

The rationale for the proposals and a summary of the changing educational landscape which is now much more demanding of Diocesan Boards of Education with new responsibilities and accountabilities is available on the RDBE website here:

<http://www.rdbe.org.uk/about-us/consultation-on-proposals-to-re-constitute-the-dbe>

The proposed new constitution will allow our own Diocesan Board of Education to respond more quickly to changes in national education policy including the academy agenda and at the same time will allow the Diocesan Board of Education to draw on the specific skills and expertise of co-opted members.

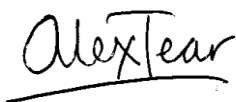
The proposals reduce the number of members of the Diocesan Board of Education appointed by Deanery Synods from seventeen to six, with two additional members appointed by the Diocesan Bishop.

I would be grateful to receive any comments or responses on these proposals from Deanery Synods before the end of May.

If your Deanery synod is not due to meet until later in the summer, do please disseminate this letter and the proposals to individual members and we would be happy to receive any comments individuals may wish to make.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the representatives of the Deanery Synods that have served on the Board of Education over the years, their contribution and service to the work of the Board is very much appreciated by me and fellow Board members.

Yours sincerely,



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