

# **DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

# Summary of Meeting

held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 4:00pm Neligan House Boardroom and Zoom

## Chaired by The Right Rev'd Ross Bay (Bishop of Auckland)

#### Membership

A quorum for all houses was present. The Diocesan Manager and Minute Secretary were also present. The Anglican Trusts Board was present for part of the meeting. Members were asked to disclose any interests in relation to agenda items.

#### Opening

The meeting opened with a devotion.

#### **General Business**

Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were adopted as a true and correct record. The schedule of outstanding matters was discussed and updated.

### **Diocesan Manager and Property Manager Reports**

The Diocesan Manager's Report of Diocesan Office activities was received. The Property Manager's Report was received.

#### Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

Diocesan Council received the Finance, Risk and Audit report for June 2024.

Diocesan Council agreed to recommend to Synod 2024 the re-appointment of BDO as diocesan Auditors for a further 3-year term.

Diocesan Council agreed to seek external professional advice on the strategic future use of vacant properties managed by Diocesan Council.

Diocesan Council approved the adoption and signing of the 2023 Annual Report and General Purpose Financial Report, including the Statement of Service Performance.

## **Ministry Unit Matters**

### Parish of Takapuna – Access to Funds

A request was received from the Parish of Takapuna to access funds held in investments towards the St Peter's church building renovation.

This request was approved.

#### Parish of Flatbush – DDF Loan

A request was received to convert the Parish of Flatbush Diocesan Development Fund loan into a grant. This request was approved.

## **Other Business**

#### Anglican Trust for Women and Children – Board Composition

Diocesan Council affirmed the recommendations of an internal report on ATWC Board Composition and will work with the Anglican Trust for Women and Children to effect changes that may be desired in the structure of the Board.

#### **Quota 2025 – Applications for Exception**

Quota exceptions for six (6) ministry units were approved.

#### **Quota Advisory Group**

Ms Angela Dalton was appointed to the Quota Advisory Group to replace Ms Megan Bowden, who is retiring this role.

#### **Diocesan Seasons for Growth Committee**

Diocesan Council noted the disestablishment of the Seasons for Growth Committee and approved the establishment of a Seasons for Growth Working Group.

#### Material Damage Insurance Premium Subsidy Scheme

Diocesan Council allocated funds for a second Material Damage Insurance Premium Subsidy scheme for ministry units.

## **Working Group Updates**

#### **Diocesan Health and Safety Working Group Report**

The Health and Safety Report was received.

A survey into ministry unit exposure to antisocial behaviour and interest in attending deescalation training was approved for distribution to ministry units.

#### **Dilworth Inquiry Working Group**

Diocesan Council affirmed the seven recommendations of the Dilworth Inquiry Working Group and will arrange a time to discuss them with the Dilworth Board.

#### **Information Papers and Correspondence**

Information papers and correspondence were received.

#### Closing

The meeting closed at 6:01pm. The next meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024.