



# Anglican Diocese of Auckland

## DIOCESAN COUNCIL

### Summary of Meeting

*held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 4:00pm  
Neligan House Boardroom, Parnell*

***Chaired by The Right Reverend Ross Bay (Bishop of Auckland)***

#### **Membership**

A quorum for all houses was present. The Diocesan Manager and Minute Secretary were also present. Members were asked to disclose any interests in relation to agenda items.

#### **Opening**

The meeting opened with a devotion.

#### **General Business**

Minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 were adopted as a true and correct record.  
The schedule of outstanding matters was discussed and updated.

#### **Diocesan Reports**

Bishop Ross's report on activities over the past month was received.  
The Diocesan Manager's Report of Diocesan Office activities was received.  
Diocesan Council received the report of the Health and Safety Advisory Committee.

#### **Finance, Risk and Audit Committee**

Diocesan Council received the financial report for July 2025.

The 2025 Parish Accounting Fees Proposal from Trust Management Ltd was accepted.

Diocesan Council approved the recommendation of the Finance Risk and Audit Committee regarding encouraging parishes to place investments into Trust Management investment offerings over other external offerings, taking into account the Diocesan SIPO and its emphasis on ESG.

#### **Parish Matters**

##### **Parish of Birkenhead – Scheme of Reconstruction**

Diocesan Council received a report on progress on the Scheme.

##### **Parish of Howick – Sale of Properties**

The Parish of Howick requested in-principle approval to sell investment properties and the vicarage. This request was approved in-principle.

##### **Parish of Clendon – Access to Funds**

A request was received from The Parish of Clendon to utilise funds held in investments for capital expenditure on the church and hall buildings at 182 Finlayson Avenue, Clendon. This request was approved.

### **Parish of St Mark Remuera – Stipend Support**

An application for stipend support was received from the Parish of St Mark Remuera for relief ministry while the Rev'd Dr Tony Surman is on sabbatical leave during August and September 2025.

This request was approved.

## **Other Business**

### **Anglican Trusts Board**

The resignations of Mr Grant Graham and Mr Geoffry Laurence from the Anglican Trusts Board were received.

### **Diocesan Insurance**

Under delegated authority, the Insurance Working Group appointed AJ Gallagher as the Diocesan insurance broker, effective immediately. Diocesan Council endorsed this appointment.

### **Clergy Remuneration and Housing Allowance Rates**

Advice and recommendations were received from the Clergy Retirement & Remuneration Committee regarding increases to Clergy Stipends, Housing rates, and levies for 2025.

The recommendations were approved.

### **Simkin House Fund**

Diocesan Council agreed to re-engage and partner with Te Tai Tokerau youth leadership regarding the use of Simkin House Funds to benefit youth in the Diocese and Amorangi.

### **St John's College Trust Board – Grants 2026**

Diocesan Council approved the establishment of a Committee to manage the funded scholarships on behalf of Diocesan Council.

## **Information Papers and Correspondence**

Information papers and correspondence were received.

### **Closing**

Thanks were offered to members who are concluding their Diocesan Council membership terms at Synod.

The meeting closed at 6:17pm. The next meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025.