



Anglican Diocese of Auckland

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

*held on Thursday 25th June 2026 at 4:00pm
via Neligan House Boardroom and Zoom*

Chaired by The Venerable Carole Hughes (Vicar-General)

Membership

A quorum for all houses was present. The Diocesan Manager, Minute Secretary, and The Ven. Liz Martin were also present.

Members were asked to disclose any interests in relation to agenda items.

Opening

The meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes

Minutes of 28th May 2026 were adopted as a true and correct record.

The schedule of outstanding matters was discussed and updated.

Diocesan Reports

The Bishop's report on activities over the past month was received.

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

The Diocesan Council Report to Synod was approved.

Health, Safety, and Wellbeing Advisory Committee

The Report of the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Advisory Committee was received.

The revised Anti-Bullying, Harassment, and Discrimination Policy was approved.

The revised Asbestos Management Policy and Plan was approved.

Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

The Finance Risk and Audit Committee Report was received.

The updated Risk Matrix and Heatmap was approved.

The 2027 Quota Budget was approved.

Parish Matters

Parish of Bream Bay – Access to Funds

The Parish of Bream Bay requested the use of their investment funds for capital expenditure on the Opportunity Shop.

This request was approved.

Parish of Tūākau – Governance Covenant

The Parish of Tūākau & Districts asked Diocesan Council to revoke their Covenant of Ministry and Governance and allow them to operate under normal Parish governance and ministry structures.

This request was approved, alongside establishment of a new Covenant of Ministry.

Pukekohe Central Vestry Trust Board – revised Trust Deed

A request was received from the Trust Board for Diocesan Council to approve the new Trust Deed. This request was approved in principle.

Other Business

Whangarei – Commissioner’s Report

Diocesan Council approved funding from Whangarei invested funds and future property sales to offer seed funding for a new vision for the future of ministry in Whangarei.

Diocesan Council Standing Delegations

Diocesan Council approved the Standing Delegations Policy and schedule of standing delegations for a further 12 months.

Strategy – Working Groups

Diocesan Council appointed The Rev’d Brenda Rockell as the Diocesan Council member, and Ms Alyssa Scarlet, The Rev’d Kate Berkely, The Rev’d Grace Behm, The Rev’d Gareth Walters, Ms Rebecca Fenn, and The Rev’d Pete Watson, as members to the Ministry Strategy Working Group.

Diocesan Council appointed The Rev’d Sarah Murphy, The Rev’d Rebecca Conolly, and Ms Anne Walsh as the Diocesan Council members, and Mr Andrew Barrie, Ms Natalie Keane, Mr Nicholas Mercer, and Mr Warwick Jones as members to the Resource Review Working Group.

Diocesan Council appointed The Rev’d Kim Parker as the Diocesan Council member, and The Rev’d Andrew Coyle, The Rev’d Clare Barrie, Ms Karen Taylor, The Rev’d Richard Bonifant, Dr Selwyn Yeoman and The Rev’d Dan Conolly as members to the Parish Structure and Cooperation Working Group.

Safeguarding Audit

Diocesan Council accepted the recommendations of the Safeguarding Audit Report for implementation.

Joint Partnership with Te Tai Tokerau – Auckland Diocesan Members

Diocesan Council appointed The Rev’d Grace Behm and The Rev’d Dr Nyasha Gumbeze to the Joint Partnership Group with Te Tai Tokerau.

Anglican Trust Board – Membership appointments

Angus Ogilvie and Graeme Thomlinson were re-appointed to the Anglican Trusts Board for a further 1-year term.

Information Papers and Correspondence

Information papers and correspondence were received.

The meeting closed at 6:59pm. The next meeting will be held on 30th July 2026.