Anglican Diocese of Auckland

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

held on Thursday 24th September 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 (Archdeacon) were also present.
Members were asked to disclose any interests in relation to agenda items.

Opening
The meeting opened with a liturgy.

Minutes
Minutes of 27th August 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 Deputy Diocesan Manager's Verbal Report was received.
The report of the Ministry Formation Team was received.

Finance, Risk and Audit Committee
The July 2026 Financial Statements were received.
The Terms of Reference were reviewed and approved for a further year.

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

Parish Matters

Parish of Clevedon – Access to Funds
A request was received from the Parish of Clevedon to access funds held in investments for repairs and maintenance to the All Souls and Christ Church churches.
This request was approved.

Other Business

Birkenhead
Diocesan Council agreed to undertake the necessary improvements to the house at 187A Hinemoa Street to bring it to an appropriate residential standard.

Whangarei
Diocesan Council approved the Charitable Trust Deed for the Anglican Care Northland Trust.

Quota Advisory Group
The Rev'd Sarah Murphy was appointed as the Diocesan Council representative to the Quota Advisory Group.

Diocesan Development Fund Advisory Group
Gillian Barthorpe was appointed as the Diocesan Council representative to the Diocesan Development Fund Advisory Group.

Anglican Trust for Women and Children – Trustee Appointments
Nichola Christie, Evan Davies, The Rev'd Sarah Moss, Claudine Young, and Kevin Brewer were re-appointed to the Anglican Trust for Women and Children Board for another term.

Diocesan Insurance
Diocesan Council provided delegated authority to the Diocesan Insurance Working Group to engage a lead and secondary insurer in a co-insurance model for the Anglican Diocese of Auckland Material Damage insurance programme for 2026/2027.
Three parish requests to change their insurance cover level were approved.

Quota – 2027 Relief Applications
Quota relief applications were approved for 9 parishes.

Diocesan Scholarships Committee
A recommendation to approve a clergy sabbatical scholarship application to be funded by funding from the St John's College Trust Board was received from the Diocesan Scholarships Committee.
This request was approved.

Seasons for Growth – Licensing
Diocesan Council agreed to sign a new 3-year licensing agreement for Seasons for Growth in the Anglican Diocese of Auckland with the Aotearoa New Zealand Seasons for Growth Licence Council (Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington).

Information Papers and Correspondence
Information papers and correspondence were received.

The meeting closed at 7:38pm. The next meeting will be held on 29th October 2026.