
Notes by the Diocesan office (not forming part of the draft Scheme)

The rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:

The merger of these two parishes has been requested by the two Parochial Church Councils concerned. They wish to unite to allow greater opportunity to work together as one single PCC to enable the better provision of mission and ministry within the area of the two parishes.

Coming into effect clause

Under the provision of s39(3) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 it is mandatory for a Pastoral Scheme which would have the effect of causing any ecclesiastical office held under Common Tenure the holder of which is in receipt of a stipend and/or accommodation to cease to exist to include the provision in clause 5 delaying the coming into effect of the Scheme for up to six months after it is made. This is to give such an office holder who would be dispossessed an opportunity to find another post before the Scheme takes effect, and if not appointed to another office he or she may become eligible for compensation. For the avoidance of doubt this provision is included in all cases where the possibility of such dispossession could arise but the six month delay provision will only become operative if someone in receipt of a stipend and/or accommodation is actually in post on the day the Scheme is made. Generally any such persons will agree to resign and be relicensed to the new parish in order to bring the Scheme into effect without delay. In this case, we are not aware of any individuals on Common Tenure who are licensed to either parish.

Clause 4

The Pastoral Measure stipulates that any provision for the representation of the laity on the parochial church council shall cease to have effect not later than five years from the date on which this Scheme comes into effect. It would, however, be possible under the Church Representation Rules to make a similar provision for an unlimited period.