



NOTICE OF FORMAL CONSULTATION

on the replacement of the Cathedral's Constitution and Statutes

In 2021, the Cathedrals Measure 2021 received royal assent following its passage through the General Synod of the Church of England and Parliament. The Measure introduces significant reforms to the governance of cathedrals. This was last reviewed in 1995.

The key features of the new Measure are:

- **A simplified governance structure.** At present, cathedrals are governed by three bodies: a Council, a Chapter and a College of Canons. Under the new Measure, a single body of trustees – the Chapter – will be responsible for overseeing the Cathedral. Additionally, two consultative bodies will be part of the Cathedral's annual cycle of consultation with stakeholders, namely the College of Canons and a separate advisory committee.
- **Registered charity status.** Although cathedrals are treated as charitable for tax purposes, until now they have not been registered with or regulated by the Charity Commission. Under the new Measure, cathedrals will be registered charities and will have a similar regulatory relationship with the Charity Commission to other charities of their size. The Church Commissioners will also retain a limited oversight role.
- **Modernised constitutional arrangements.** Cathedrals will now have statutory finance and audit and risk committees, a nominations committee to recruit trustees, minimum proportions of non-executive and lay membership, new senior management and delegation arrangements, and modern policies covering areas such as whistleblowing, conflict of interest management and grant giving.

To prepare for the Measure, in common with all Anglican Cathedrals in England, Peterborough Cathedral has prepared a draft Constitution and draft Statutes. The Constitution will be the new governing document of the Cathedral, and the Statutes set out further detail on how the Cathedral is to operate, and further confirms the arrangements that were made via the revision of Constitution and Statutes that was carried out in 2018/19. We now offer these new drafts for public consultation.

You can download the draft documents from [Governance - Peterborough Cathedral \(peterborough-cathedral.org.uk\)](https://peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/governance)/consultation. Paper copies may also be collected from the Cathedral Office. To minimise paper use and cost, we encourage you to view the documents online if you can.

Please send any comments on the drafts to dean.pa@peterborough-cathedral.org.uk or **Jan Armitage, Cathedral Administrator, Cathedral Office, Deanery Mews, 11 Minster Precincts, Peterborough, PE1 1XS**. Any representations must be made in writing by email or letter and must arrive **before 5.30pm on 14th September 2023**.

The Cathedral Council and Chapter will take account of representations made, before finalisation.