

Benefices Sub Committee – Terms of Reference

Composition:

Up to 8 Members of the Court to be appointed by the Committee – the current total membership being 10, including the Chairman and Deputy Chairman as Ex-officio Members).

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To consider matters relating to the City's obligations for its various Benefices.

The Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 and The Patronage (Benefices) Rules 1987, seek to confine the exercise of Church of England Patronage; i.e. the right to present Clergy, to a responsible person who is an actual Communicant Member of the Church of England or of a church in communion with it. On receiving notice of a vacancy, the City of London Corporation, as patron, is required to appoint an individual who is 'willing and able to make the Declaration of Membership and act as its representative to discharge its functions as registered patron'. In practice, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, being a person able and willing to make the declaration, is usually appointed as the City of London.