

<b>Committee:</b> Benefices Sub-Committee	<b>Date:</b> 7 February 2022
<b>Subject:</b> Report of Action Taken	<b>Public</b>
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	See background paper
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	See background paper
If so, how much?	See background paper
What is the source of Funding?	See background paper
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	See background paper
<b>Report of:</b> The Town Clerk & Chief Executive	<b>For Information</b>
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### **Summary:**

This report provides details of a decision taken under urgency since your last meeting in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order No. 41(a).

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to note the report.

### **Main Report**

#### **Request for Decision Under Urgency (Standing Order 41A) – 1. Proposed Suspension of Presentation at St Albans with St Augustine, Fulham**

1. The City of London Corporation, in its role as patron of St Alban with St Augustine, Fulham, received a letter from Kensington Area Council of the Diocese of London advising of a proposal to suspend the right of presentation to the benefice for up to 5 years. The Bishop of London intends to work with the PCC to look at alternative ways of providing appropriate ministries to the parish.
2. As required under section 85 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, the Church must consult with interested parties. The consultation has two parts: seeking the views of interested parties, and giving the registered patron the option of consulting with the Bishop or his representative.
3. The deadline for responses to the consultation did not fall within the Committee's meeting schedule. The Sub Committee were, therefore, consulted via email to seek their views, so as to inform any decision to be taken under urgency procedures.

4. Members indicated that they did not have objections to the proposal, but asked for responses to a number of questions. Responses to these questions were subsequently received and circulated to the Sub Committee.
5. The Town Clerk therefore agreed, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of your Committee, the City Corporation's response to the diocese and to a meeting taking place between the Bishop's representatives and the Chairman of the Benefices Sub-Committee (as provided for within section 85 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011).
6. Confirmation of the suspension of presentation was subsequently received and circulated to Members of the Sub-Committee.
7. Background papers are available from the Committee Clerk on request.

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