

BENEFICES SUB COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members are reminded of the requirement made under The Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 and The Patronage (Benefices) Rules 1987 when appointing Members to this Sub Committee. This states that whether the registered patron of a benefice is a body corporate or incorporate (as is the case with the City) then, on receiving notice of a vacancy in the benefice under the Measure, that body is required to appoint an individual who is able and willing to make a 'declaration of membership', i.e. declaring that he or she is an actual communicant member of the Church of England etc., or is a clerk in Holy Orders, and who it is intended shall act as the representative of the patron in order to discharge the registered patron's functions.

One of the purposes of the Measure is to confine the exercise of Church of England Patronage to those who are 'actual' communicant members of the Church of England or of a church in communion with it.

Terms of Reference:-

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