



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GUILDFORD

NOTICE OF FORMAL CONSULTATION

Guildford Cathedral is reviewing its Constitution and Statutes.

Under the Cathedrals Measure 2021, all English Cathedrals are required to become charities registered with the Charity Commission and the consultation is a part of this process.

Why is this happening?

In 2017, a Church of England working group reviewed and made recommendations on the governance and regulation of all cathedrals. These recommendations formed the basis of the new Cathedrals Measure 2021 which was passed by the General Synod in 2018 and received Royal Assent in 2021.

What will change, and how does this apply to the Cathedral?

All cathedrals in England are required to prepare a new set of Constitutions and Statutes and must also apply to the Charity Commission of England and Wales ('the Charity Commission') for registration as a charity, supported by the Church Commissioners. Once registered by the Charity Commission, the cathedral will be co-regulated by the Church Commissioners and the Charity Commission.

All Chapter members will now be trustees, and the Chapter will have more non-executive members than executive members. At least two thirds of the non-executive members will be lay persons. There will no longer be elections to Chapter, applications to be Chapter members will now be considered by a Nominations Committee. The Cathedral Council will cease to exist, but there will be an Advisory Board and a Community Engagement Forum.

Viewing the Constitution and Statutes

You can view the proposed new Constitution and Statutes on the Cathedral website (<https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/>). Printed copies will be available for viewing at the Cathedral Office, Stag Hill, Guildford, GU2 7UP from 3 October 2023 at 9am.

The consultation is now open and will close at 31 October 2023 at 5pm

If you have any comments, please email these to dops@guildford-cathedral.org by 5pm on 31 October 2023.

Kind regards
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