

The Rectoral Benefice of Leominster

Scheme to establish a Joint Council

Preamble:-

There shall be a Joint Council for the parishes within the rectoral benefice of Leominster (Leominster Team Ministry). The parishes within the Leominster Team are Leominster, Pudleston-cum-Whyle, Hatfield, Docklow, Stoke Prior and Ford, Humber, Eyton, Ivington, Monkland, Dilwyn and Stretford, Eye, Croft with Yarpole and Lucton, Bockleton, Leysters, Kimbolton with Hamnish, Middleton-on-the-Hill, Orleton, Brimfield and Hope under Dinmore.

- i. The Joint Council which is to be set up under this Scheme shall co-ordinate the central expenses of the team ministry, the assigned fees of the team ministry, the employment of the administrative staff, and shall carry out such further functions and tasks as are more fully set out below.
- ii. The Scheme is made in accordance with Rules M37 to M42 of the 2020 Rules. The parishes are “connected parishes” within the meaning of Rule M37 of the 2020 Rules.
- iii. A reference in this Scheme to a provision made by or under a Measure or Act of Parliament is to be read as a reference to that provision as for the time being amended, extended or applied by or under any other such provision.
- iv. “the Bishop” means the bishop of the diocese of Hereford.
- v. This Scheme may be cited as: **The Rectoral Benefice of Leominster Joint Council Scheme.**

1. The Joint Council

1.1. Membership: The members of the Joint Council are:

1.1.1. The team rector and team vicars of the Leominster Team Ministry.

1.1.2. Representatives from the parishes of the Rectoral Benefice who have voted to be members of the Joint Council. Each parish will have one representative, except for Leominster Priory which will have 2.

1.1.3. Lay members will be elected annually at the parish Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and must be a member of the relevant Parochial Church Council.

1.1.4. If a member of the Joint Council is unable to attend, the Parochial Church Council may appoint a proxy.

1.2. Organisation

1.2.1. The Chairperson of the Joint Council shall be the Rector in the Team Ministry if present. In their absence the Rector shall appoint to take the chair a Vicar in the Team Ministry or (in default) a member of the Joint Council chosen by the members of the Council to be its Vice-Chair.

1.2.2. The number of clerical members of the joint council must not equal or exceed the number of lay members.

1.2.3. Each member will have one vote.

1.2.4. Any amendment to the scheme is made only if it is approved by at least two-thirds of the persons present and voting at a meeting of each parish to which the scheme applies.

1.2.5. Meetings will be held a minimum of two times a year.

1.2.6. A meeting will be quorate if one third of members are present.

1.2.7. Notification of the date and time of a meeting will be given at least two weeks in advance.

1.2.8. The agenda for each meeting will be shared with the members of the Joint Council and Parochial Church Councils within the Scheme at least one week before each meeting.

1.2.9. Minutes of each Joint Council Meeting will be circulated to members of the Joint Council and the Parochial Church Councils in the Scheme within ten days of the meeting.

2. Joint Council functions:

2.1. The Joint Council as a body corporate will hold the bank accounts for the administration of Leominster Team Ministry

2.2. The Joint Council will approve and monitor the budget for the administration of the Leominster Team Ministry.

2.3. The Joint Council will employ the administrative staff of the Leominster Team Ministry.

2.4. The Joint Council will agree the functions performed by the administrative team.

2.5. The Joint council will decide and allocate the amount the parishes pay for the administrative functions of the Leominster Team Ministry.

2.6. The Joint Council will act as data controller for the parishes of the scheme.

3. Parochial Church Councils

- 3.1. Leominster Priory Parochial Church Council will relinquish all responsibility for the employment of the administrative staff, for the Team bank accounts and for budgets associated with the administration functions on the implementation of the Scheme for the Joint Council.
- 3.2. Other than that noted in 3.1, all Parochial Church Councils within the Scheme will retain their current assets and responsibilities.

4. Disqualification

- 4.1. The provisions of the 2020 Rules on disqualification from being nominated, chosen or elected as, or from serving as, a member of the PCC also apply in relation to the membership of the Joint Council.
- 4.2. A person who is disqualified by law from being a charity trustee and, accordingly, from being a member of a PCC is also disqualified from being a member of the Joint Council.

5. Variation and revocation

- 5.1. This Scheme may be varied or revoked:
 - 5.1.1. In accordance with the procedures set out in Rules M38(3), (4) and (5) of the 2020 Rules, in reliance on Rule 77; or
 - 5.1.2. By the bishop, in accordance with Rule M40 of the 2020 Rules, if any parish in the Joint Council ceases to be “connected” to the other parishes in the Joint Council, or a parish which is in a Joint Council is dissolved by a pastoral scheme.

6. Joining the Joint Council

- 6.1. This scheme will be shared with each Parochial Church Council for them to enable all parishioners on the electoral roll to have access to the document in advance of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2022.
- 6.2. The agenda of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will include an item for the establishment of a Joint Council for the Leominster Team.
- 6.3. To join the Joint Council a two thirds majority of those voting is required.

The parishes with the Leominster Team voted on the following dates to join the Joint Council:

Parish	Date
Bockleton	
Brimfield	
Croft with Yarpole and Lucton	
Docklow	
Eye	
Eyton	
Hatfield	
Hope under Dinmore	
Humber	
Ivington	
Kimbolton with Hamnish	
Leominster	
Leysters	
Middleton-on-the-Hill	
Monkland	
Orleton	
Pudleston-cum-Whyle	
Stoke Prior and Ford	

The parishes with the Leominster Team voted on the following dates to not join the Joint Council:

Parish	Date
Bockleton	
Brimfield	
Croft with Yarpole and Lucton	
Docklow	
Eye	
Eyton	
Hatfield	
Hope under Dinmore	
Humber	
Ivington	
Kimbolton with Hamnish	
Leominster	
Leysters	
Middleton-on-the-Hill	
Monkland	
Orleton	
Pudleston-cum-Whyle	
Stoke Prior and Ford	

This scheme was sent for approval to the Bishops' Council on

and will come into effect on