

'Fit for Mission'?

Diocesan Review Team

Terms of Reference



1.0 The Diocesan Review Team

The Diocesan Review Team, and within it the Core Group, operates under the delegated authority of the Bishop of Lancaster and has reporting responsibility to him through the Chair. The Bishop has final authority over decisions deriving from the Diocesan Review Team and Core Group

The Diocesan Review Team and Core Group are accountable to the Bishop of Lancaster.

2.0 The Purpose of the Diocesan Review Team

The Purpose of the Diocesan Review Team is to:

2.1 Review the work of the Core Group and offer advice on that work and on the process and progress of the *Fit for Mission* Review.

2.2 Enable the parishes, deanery councils and diocese to match limited resources to the sacramental and missionary needs of our community in a sustainable way, including property and finance.

2.3 Promote the common good of the entire diocese so that we all become *Fit for Mission*.

2.4 Foster a common concern for what will best serve future generations.

3.0 Terms of Reference of the Diocesan Review Team.

The terms of reference of the Diocesan Review Team are to:

3.1 Pray for the intentions of the *Fit for Mission* review.

3.2 Review the progress of the *Fit for Mission* process.

3.3 Consider a summary of initial responses to *Fit for Mission? A Guide* from parishes, schools, individuals, and groups at first full meeting in order to consider if any changes are needed to be made to the *Fit for Mission* process.

3.4 Advise on the core group's initial draft area plans based on evaluation of the Parish Evaluation Forms.

3.5 Review suggested amendments to proposed draft area plans from parishes and deanery pastoral councils.

3.6 Review finalised area plans that will comprise the diocese-wide plan.

3.7 Propose the means of fostering and developing new teams of parish workers in newly enlarged parishes arising from parish merger.

4.0 Membership of the Diocesan Review Team

The bishop has convened a group of priests, deacons, religious, and lay people drawn from across the diocese. They will represent the views of the clergy and laity, chosen by reference to deanery pastoral councils and to central diocesan organisations, religious, lay societies, governors, and teachers.

Membership includes one lay representative from each of the twelve Deanery Pastoral Councils, one Diocesan High School head teacher, one Diocesan Primary School head teacher and a representative of the male and female Religious serving in the Diocese, the Diocesan Commissions and agencies, various Catholic organisations and two young adults.

Members have been called to advise the Bishop and wider Diocese on aspects of the *Fit for Mission* Review.

5.0 Meetings of the Diocesan Review Team.

The Diocesan Review Team will meet monthly to give advice on the proposals and review progress.

- 1st meeting: 10.00am on Saturday 5 May 2007 to get to know each other, to pray together and consider the responses and information from the parishes, schools and deaneries.
- 10.00 am on Saturday 9 June and 7 July to consider and comment on the initial draft plans for the five areas, prior to their circulation to the parishes, schools and deaneries as part of the wider consultation process.
- Monthly meetings will follow in September, October, November, and December 2007 and in January 2008 to consider all responses and in particular, suggestions from the deanery pastoral councils for any changes which may be thought to improve the proposed draft proposals.
- February and in early March 2008 to review the final Diocesan-wide plan for presentation to the Bishop for his consideration and consultation with his canonical advisers.