

The CBSC is a subcommittee of the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee. Its constitution is therefore found within the constitution of the DMPC. Below is an extract from the Constitution of the Exeter DMPC as approved by Diocesan Synod, Nov 2009

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Church Buildings Strategy Committee

There shall be a Church Building Strategy Sub-committee (CBSC), the members of which are as follows:

Ex officio

The Chair, appointed by the Bishop after consultation with the DMPC
The Secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee
The Property Services Manager
The Secretary of the DMPC
The Archdeacons
The Diocesan Secretary

Nominations

Up to four people, nominated by the Bishop after consultation with the DMPC and if possible including a representative from the Local Planning Authorities, in the Diocese.

Co-options

The DMPC may co-opt up to four people for a particular period or a particular task.

The DMPC guidelines also contain a more lengthy explanation of the nature & work of the CBSC. These can be found on pp 19-22.

Following the strategy paper (BDC 04/11) which was discussed and endorsed by the Council in January last year, and which has driven the vision of the CBSC from that point, the Committee now presents a vision statement which attempts to clarify its role, in the context of these other documents.

This vision statement was discussed and approved at the meeting of the CBSC in June 2011.

The CBSC works as part of the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee, for which the task of furthering the mission of the Church of England: pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical is a core activity. The CBSC is engaged in helping the churches of the diocese to use its buildings to best effect in serving the church's mission. The documents **Moving on in Mission and Ministry** and **Moving on in Growth** help set the agenda of the Diocese.

Strategic Planning

The CBSC will assist Mission Communities to review their building stock with an eye to:

- Making best use of all their buildings for the worship and mission of the community.
- Seeking ways for churches, village churches in particular, to reconnect with their communities, using the building as a common interest.
- Thinking theologically about the significance and role of the sacred buildings within their communities.
- Engaging with community partners to find avenues for shared building use which might have a positive impact on local community.
- Offering people avenues of contact with the Christian Community through developing community support groups for church buildings.

Managing the Historic Legacy

The CBSC will assist parishes and communities to find appropriate uses for church buildings which are no longer needed for public worship. This is likely to involve the closure and sale of such buildings. The CBSC will use specialist knowledge of the Pastoral Measure and other significant legislation, and will work with other community partners to do this effectively and efficiently.