

## **New Power for the Church Commissioners to Make Grants to the Archbishops' Council**

### **Policy Framework**

- I. Funding which falls within the scope of the new power should be distributed in line with the following criteria:
  - The funding should support proposals designed to make a significant contribution to the growth of the Church: the 'good growth' which Renewal and Reform seeks which combines spiritual and numerical growth, occurs in all communities across the country, and across all traditions.
  - Investment can also be made for projects which support the efficiency and effectiveness of the Church in promoting its growth.
  - The funding should only support proposals which are most effectively undertaken at national level and which genuinely add value over and above what dioceses by themselves can achieve.
  - Proposals should only be funded if they are clearly within the priorities set by the Council.
  - Funding should be distributed in a way mindful of 'need and opportunity' within the Church, albeit it may provide a benefit to all parts of the Church.
  - Funding should be for a clearly defined period.
  - Investment should not be made available to absorb the existing on-going costs of the Council or another body.
  - The Council must demonstrate that it cannot itself meet the costs of proposals that it puts forward for funding.
  - Proposals should be subject to a similar application process to that used for SDF diocesan proposals (i.e. including project goals, measures, budget, governance etc).
  - Projects which are funded will be evaluated over their lifetime including, where appropriate, the use of independent assessment.