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Details:

Extract of minute Diocesan Council
Meeting December 2009

SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT FUND (49-53)

Moved The Rev'd Canon Paul Robertson seconded, Mrs Sue Williams

Carried

"That this Diocesan Council approves that the Diocesan Business Manager take out a policy with AXA for Sickness and Accident for the clergy of this Diocese.

That the policy include the following:

- a) *30 day wait period (the parish was to fund the first 15 days, and the Diocese was to fund the second 15 days.)*
- b) *That clergy co-fund for a benefit period to age 65.*
- c) *The shortfall in premiums collected in 2009 versus premiums paid be borne by the Sickness and Accident Fund in 2009 and 2010 so that parishes received advance notice of the increase from January 2011. Funding of this would be treated separately.*
- d) *The Sickness and Accident Fund Ordinance be repealed.*
- e) *The residual balance of the Sickness and Accident Fund continue to be invested in the Anglican Social and Development Fund in the Sickness and Accident Account to cover the claim period from 16-31 December. Withdrawals from this account would be co-signed by the Diocesan Business Manager and The Archdeacon of Newcastle upon presentation of relevant medical certificate and insurance approval.*

It was noted that this was to take effect from 1 October 2009.

The Diocesan Business Manager was to provide further details to the clergy, particularly in relation to the impact this would have on superannuation insurance.

(The Diocesan Business Manager to investigate an "opt in or opt out" with AXA in relation to clergy coverage for 65 years of age benefit periods).

November 2009:

PARISH ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE REVISION (P28-30)

Bishop Peter Stuart spoke to the proposal.

The Proposed Process:

It was proposed that a working group be appointed to undertake this task and report to the February meeting of the Diocesan Council. The working group would undertake the following work:

1. *Invite and consider written submission from Clergy and Parishes*
2. *Consult with The Bishops, the Diocesan Business manager, The Archdeacons, The Ministry Development Officer and The Fresh Expressions Ministry Development Officer (The Rev'd John Power).*
3. *Review material from other diocese which is available electronically."*

Moved The Rev'd Canon Julia Perry seconded The Rev'd Hugh Bright

"That the motion was approved in principle."

"That the process was endorsed by this Diocesan Council."

December 2009

BISHOP'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

The Bishop's Report was *Received*

Moved The Archdeacon of Newcastle and seconded by The Archdeacon of the Central Coast

Carried

"That a Working Group consisting of the Chancellor, the Diocesan Business Manager and The Rev'd Canon Stephen Williams review the guidelines of the Professional Standards process and report to this Diocesan Council."

December 2009

(A) The Children Special Religious Education and Youth Ministries Ordinance Amendment Ordinance