

Governing Body At A Glance

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Governing Body meeting 15-16 April 2026

This document is a new initiative instigated in April 2026 following a Question Time question submitted by Carrie White (lay elected, Bangor) who identified a need for a short document that summarised the decisions made by the Governing Body at each of its meetings. Governing Body meetings are [livestreamed](#) and videos of meetings are therefore available online afterwards. The longstanding *Highlights* document will continue to be published as usual but this a document with a different character, providing an overview of each meeting, its agenda, the discussions, guests, visitors plus any matters of interest.

This document will not necessarily include reference to all items on the Governing Body's agenda, just those within which decisions were made.

▪ Report of the Representative Body

Decisions	Who is affected?
<p>Updates to the Church in Wales's Ethical Investment Policy were approved.</p>	<p>All legal entities within the Church in Wales which hold investment portfolios are subject to the Ethical Investment Policy and must therefore be in line with the Church in Wales's policy.</p>
<p>The Representative Body's report was approved – which included confirmation that from 2027 the Representative Body would meet the costs of insurance of churches and cathedrals.</p>	<p>All MAs – from 2027 the insurance premiums for church and cathedral buildings will be paid and administered by the Representative Body.</p>
<p>There will be a period of consultation with MAs about the overall financial model of the Church in Wales.</p>	

▪ **Bill for incorporation into the Book of Common Prayer service of blessings for same-sex relationships**

Decisions	Who is affected?
<p>The Bill to include within the Book of Common Prayer the service of blessing for those in same-sex marriages or same sex-civil partnerships.</p>	<p>All. This rite of blessing is now a permanent liturgy within the Book of Common Prayer.</p>

▪ **Private members' motion**

A private members' motion was passed by the Governing Body, requesting the Standing Committee to establish a Disability Welcome Delivery Group to advise on increasing the welcome to and engagement of disabled people in the life of the Church in Wales.

As this private members' motion includes some financial implications not included within the provincial budget the Representative Body will need to discuss the motion before it is brought into effect. It is intended that this is done by the RB at its meeting on 2 July and, if supported, will allow the Standing Committee to discuss bringing the motion into effect at its subsequent meeting.