

Synod Together 12 October 2019

Budget for 2020 and estimates for 2021 to 2024

1. The draft budget was considered by the Finance Committee at its meeting in July and is generally in line with what was forecast when preparing the 2019 budget. It was approved by the meeting of Synod Trust on 10th September. As in recent years the budget is presented with summary estimates of the likely future budgets for the succeeding 4 years.
2. The budget for 2020 envisages a deficit of £402,000 (which includes a £25,000 contingency). However, it will be noted that if no provision is included for selling property, there is planned expenditure of about £923,000 against estimated income of about £321,000
3. In accordance with approvals of Synod Council and Synod Together we have also allocated £2,000,000 in 2020 and 2021 from the Synod's reserves to fund the new the Synod's grants and loan schemes.
4. As in recent years the usual budget holders were invited to provide information on their likely requirements. Few changes were sought, and these have been incorporated into the budget. Overall the budget has an expenditure increase of about £221,000 from the previous year. This is largely due to an increase in the "Emergency Repairs Grants" from £50,000 to £250,000. Small reductions have been made in other budgets where experience suggests that the amount sought is not normally spent.
5. For 2020 the budget has been set out as a single stream in descending order of cost. However, it should be again be noted that all our predictable income is used up before reaching the second line of the budget. A copy of the budget for 2020 is set out at Appendix 1 to this paper. For 2020 and going forward we have reduced the number of expenditure categories by amalgamating items which are similar in nature. We have also included in the budget the allocation from reserves to the new Grant and Loan structure.
6. As previously, we are unlikely ever to be able to break even without the income from the sale of redundant church buildings.

Recommendation

Synod Together is asked to endorse the recommended Synod 2020 budget for the General Purposes Fund.

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Synod Treasurer
September 2019

2018	2019	Category	Task	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Draft	Budget	(see end)		Budget	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
Outturn								
			Income					
-259,729	-200,000		Sale of Properties	-200,000				
-183	-1,000		Grants & Donation Income	-1,000				
-3,916	0		Cash from Closed churches	0				
-21,200	-20,000		Other Income	-20,000				
-375,860	-300,000		Investment Income	-300,000				
			Contributions to Ministers' Pension Fund					
			Grants awarded no longer required					
-£660,888	-£521,000		Total Income	-£521,000	-£501,000	-£481,000	-£481,000	-£481,000

2018 Draft Outturn	2019 Budget	Category (see end)	Task	2020 Forecast	2021 Forecast	2022 Forecast	2023 Forecast	2024 Forecast
			Expenditure					
375,094	390,200	H	Synod Staffing Costs	404,875				
	50,000	B	Emergency Repair Grants	250,000				
56,350	51,500	E	Office Running Expenses	52,300				
25,000	25,000	G	Inter-Synod Resource Sharing	25,000				
	25,000	I	Budget Contingency	25,000				
23,951	23,350	C	In-service Training & Grants	23,350				
14,217	22,500	F	Property expenses	22,500				
19,295	22,000	E	Synod rent & Hire of Rooms	22,000				
4,523	20,850	C	Other training and Candidates Costs	20,850				
83,132	20,000	E	Legal Fees	20,000				
5,601	11,500	D	Synod Committees & Synod Together	11,500				
8,735	10,832	A	Ecumenical Subscriptions	11,156				
9,496	8,800	E	Audit Fees	8,800				
10	5,400	A	World, Urban and Synod Ministry Support	5,400				
1,920	5,000	C	Youth & Children's Work Budget	5,000				
183	0	D	General Assembly Costs	5,000				
1,475	4,400	D	Synod Officer expenses	4,400				
611	3,500	C	Staff & Trustee Training	3,500				
	2,000	A	Church & Society & World Mission	2,000				
£629,593	£701,832		Expenditure	£922,631	£933,891	£945,535	£956,391	£967,758
-£31,295	£180,832		Budget Deficit	£401,631	£432,891	£464,535	£475,391	£486,758
£196,327	304700	J	Building Grant Programme	1,000,000	1,000,000			
£30,644		J	Mission Grant Programme	1,000,000	1,000,000			
£195,676	£485,532		Required from Reserves	£2,401,631	£2,432,891	£464,535	£475,391	£486,758

A	Grants for general purposes	18,556
B	Emergency	250,000
C	Training	52,700
D	Synod and Committee Costs	20,900
E	Synod Office costs	103,100
F	Property costs	22,500
G	Costs related to the wider URC	25,000
H	Staff costs	404,875
I	Contingency	25,000
J	Grant Programme	2,000,000
	TOTAL	£2,922,631