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Report title	Election of Chair and Vice Chair of Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance from 14 June 2025 until the AGM 2028
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Background

In accordance with Articles 12 and 13(a) of the Articles of Association of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Limited (BDBF), the Board is required to elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its membership. These elections are to take place at the General Meeting following the election of members under Article 4.

Relevant Extracts from the Articles of Association

- **Article 12:**

"The Board shall at the General Meeting next following the 30th April 1992 and at the General Meeting next following each subsequent election of members pursuant to Article 4 elect from among the members of the Board a Chair of the Board who shall hold office until their successor shall be elected pursuant to this Article but shall be eligible for re-election."

- **Article 13(a):**

"The Board shall at each of the General Meetings referred to in Article 12 elect from among the members of the Board a Vice-Chair of the Board who shall hold office until their successor shall be elected pursuant to this Article but shall be eligible for re-election."

Note: In this context, "Board" refers to the BDBF, which has the same membership as the Diocesan Synod.

Candidate for Chair

Mr Richard Bacon (Incumbent Chair)



Mr Richard Bacon has confirmed his willingness to stand for re-election as Chair of the BDBF.

Richard is a Chartered Accountant by profession and he previously led the public sector assurance team at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). His other roles include:

- Governor at Redmaids' High School GDST, Bristol
- Chair of the Audit Committee of the Royal Society
- Chair of Bristol Cathedral's Choral Foundation
- Member of the Cathedral's Finance & Audit Committee
- Member of the DBF's Finance Committee

Candidate for Vice Chair

Mr John Sunderland



Mr John Sunderland has indicated his willingness to stand as Vice Chair of the BDBF.

John is co-owner/director of a specialist consultancy in the construction & infrastructure sector. A Chartered Engineer, he was previously a career Naval officer. His other roles include:

- Member of Bishop's Council and Malmesbury Abbey PCC
- Trustee and Chair of the Friends of Malmesbury Abbey
- Member of Malmesbury Town Team
- Fellowship Assessor for the Institution of Engineering & Technology

Alternative Candidates

Other members of the BDBF may stand for the roles of Chair or Vice Chair. If anyone is interested in standing for role of Chair or Vice Chair, please contact

governance.support@bristoldiocese.org by 09:00 on 6 June 2025. Should multiple candidates come forward, a vote will be held among the members of the BDBF to determine the elected Chair and Vice Chair.