

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2022

Report to the Executive of the Technical Reviewer

Standing Order G1.1 of the Central Council requires the triennial review, of which this is part, to “review the Council’s Rules, Standing Orders and governance to assess whether they continue to be effective and aligned with best practice”.

The more detailed Scope of what has now become known as the Technical Review is:

- To perform a technical review of the Rules and Standing Orders to identify any conflicts, errors or wording which could be better expressed to achieve its intended purpose.
- To recommend improved wording in each case.
- As part of the review to consider any relevant suggestions made by Council Members.

I have been greatly assisted in this Review by Clyde Whittaker who has carefully marshalled the various points which have arisen from suggestions made by Council Members and tabulated them for consideration. He has also made himself available for discussion with me about possible remedies and my drafting suggestions. He has also kindly prepared the mark-up of the Rules and Standing Orders to show the suggested amendments in the context.

Most of the questions I have considered relate to circumstances which have arisen during the past three years or have been the subject of a particular request. In the course of considering these other issues have emerged, not specifically referred, which I have considered also require attention.

Where I have concluded that a modification is desirable, I have recommended amendments to the Rules and Standing Orders to deal with the issue. In a small number of cases I have concluded that a particular suggestion relates to a matter of policy which lies outside the remit of this review and I have indicated this where appropriate.

The output from my review comprises this report and four companion documents:

- The Table (Annexure 1) which includes a description of each issue which has been raised together with, where appropriate, the text of my recommended amendments and a reference to:
- Review Notes (Annexure 2) which explain the nature and effect of each amendment;
- The Amended Rules (Annexure 3) which provides a marked-up copy of all recommended changes to the Council’s Rules, with the benefit of a short commentary, again referring where appropriate to the Notes; and

- The Amended Standing Orders (Annexure 4) which performs the same function for the Council's Standing Orders.

I will be happy to provide ongoing assistance if necessary during or as a result of any consultations which may now occur or in the Report's presentation to the Annual Council Meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Bleby', written in a cursive style.

The Hon. David Bleby QC

Reviewer

19 May 2022