

## PROVISION OF COOKERS IN CLERGY HOUSES

The Diocesan Board of Finance does not provide, replace or repair any gas or electric cooker.

Limited assistance will be given in certain circumstances as follows:

- [a] An index linked grant [£385 in 2018] is payable to households moving into or within the Diocese from a gas area to a non-gas area, and to incomers from a Diocese which still provides cookers.
- [b] At the discretion of the Archdeacon a grant may be available where a household is moving from a house with a separate built-in hob/oven arrangement to a property requiring a standard slot-in unit.
- [c] In the case of gas cookers, where there is a landlord's statutory obligation to arrange an annual inspection by a qualified contractor, the Board of Finance will continue to pay for the inspection of privately owned cookers [along with the other fixed gas appliances in the premises], but any consequent recommendations for repair would be a matter for the household.
- [d] Where households choose to install their own built-in hob/oven units, the original worktop layout must be reinstated at their own expense on departure to allow for their successors to revert to a standard slot-in unit.

This policy does not affect the few remaining cases where a house is supplied with a Diocesan – owned oil fired or solid fuel stove such as an Aga or Rayburn. These remain Diocesan property and will continue to be repaired at Diocesan expense. They will not however be replaced when their continued maintenance becomes uneconomic.

A separate policy applies to Suffragan Bishops and Archdeacons.

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