

## Net Zero Working Group

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This is a subgroup of The Environment Officers and the consultation was opened in October 2021.

Areas of work:

- Dioceses
- Churches and Cathedrals
- Schools
- Clergy Housing
- Theological institutions

Actions of the group:

- Switching to green energy sources
- Auditing existing situations
- Data collection (e.g. energy footprint tool – please can I encourage you all to complete)
- Partnerships - with schools, LEA's (Local Education Authorities), MAT's (Multi-Academy Trusts)
  - DAC – heating subgroup
  - Deaneries – Churches
  - Pioneers
  - And learning from other dioceses

General Synod – The 'roadmap' of Net Zero will be a major item at the General Synod this July

Current work within the Diocese includes:

The Property Team currently auditing EPC+ Reports to establish a diocesan base line of data.

Several properties have been identified for double glazing, and new doors

Four oil fired properties are in the process of being fitted with air source heat pumps.

The Property team will be budgeting and scheduling a timetable for the replacement of boilers from 2023 onwards. There is no intention to make like for like boiler replacements and consideration will be given to the most energy efficient solution.

There are plans to review the property portfolio, and to identify where larger houses at the appropriate time can be replaced with energy efficient housing.

It was reported that two Archdeacons now have hybrid cars

Within the DBF, flexi-home working is reducing travel; the decisions relating to the future of Church House, will also consider the environmental impact of the current building.

Local Church – a plea was given for all churches to complete and return the energy footprint as well as encouraging churches and individuals to switch to green energy.