

**RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES PROCEDURE
(ARRANGEMENTS IN PURSUANCE OF RESOLUTIONS
UNDER CANON C5) REGULATIONS 2024**

Made by the Deanery Synod

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Approved by the Bishop

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Coming into force - -

17th March 2026

The Jersey Deanery Synod, in pursuance of its duty under Canon C24 of the Canons of the Church of England in Jersey 2022 and its powers under Canon G of the said Canons and subject to the approval of the Right Reverend Bishop of Salisbury, make the following Regulations to form part of the law of Jersey in accordance with the said Canon G:

1. In these Regulations the “2014 Regulations” shall mean the Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests (Resolution of Disputes Procedure) Regulations 2014 made on 17th November 2014 by the House of Bishops and published under GS Misc 1087.
2. The person appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York under Regulation 2 of the 2014 Regulations to act as the Independent Reviewer shall act as Independent Reviewer in relation to the House of Bishops Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests made by the House of Bishops on 19th May 2014 as that Declaration has force for Jersey under Canon C5 of the Canons of the Church of England in Jersey 2022 and shall, subject to the specific provisions made by these Regulations, exercise functions as Independent Reviewer in relation to the Deanery of Jersey as provided for by the 2014 Regulations.
3. The functions of the Independent Reviewer are to be considered to be exercised in relation to the Deanery of Jersey where for the purposes of Regulations 8 and 27 of the 2014 Regulations:
 - (a) a party to a grievance or a person raising a concern is a person or a body of persons based in Jersey or holding office in Jersey; or
 - (b) the grievance or concern either relates to any action taken by the office holder having effect in Jersey or any failure on the part of the office holder to take any action that would have had effect in Jersey.
4. In the exercise of the Independent Reviewer’s functions in relation to the Deanery of Jersey, the Independent Reviewer shall in application of the principles at Regulation 7 of the 2014 Regulations have due regard to:
 - (a) the jurisdiction of the Dean of Jersey who holds office by appointment by the Sovereign by Letters Patent and who is the lawful commissary of the diocesan bishop in Jersey (including, without limitation, the jurisdiction of the Dean’s Visitation and the Dean’s power to appoint one or more Vice Deans to perform the Dean’s duties);

- (b) the Memorandum of Understanding between the Bishop of Salisbury and the Deans of Guernsey and Jersey concerning the roles of the Bishop and the Deans and the relationship between the Diocese of Salisbury and the Deaneries of Guernsey and Jersey;
 - (c) the separate Canons of the Church of England in Jersey promulgated by Order of Her late Majesty in Council and the distinctiveness of the customary and ecclesiastical law in Jersey affecting the Church, including (without limitation):
 - (i) differences in the process of appointments to benefices in Jersey and in the forms of ecclesiastical tenure from those that apply in England;
 - (ii) the power of the Dean to appoint *pro tem* a *Ministre Desservant* (including the Dean in person) to serve during an interregnum in a Jersey benefice;
 - (iii) the distinctive forms of ownership of ecclesiastical property including of parsonage houses in Jersey; and
 - (iv) that Measures of the Church of England do not generally apply to Jersey unless provision has been made in law to extend them to the Island and certain Measures including the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 are not capable of extension.
5. For the purposes of the 2014 Regulations as they relate to the Deanery of Jersey the term ‘office holder’ shall also include the Very Reverend Dean of Jersey and any Vice Dean of Jersey and in the vacancy of the office of the Dean of Jersey the *Doyen Substitut* chosen by the Assessors of the Ecclesiastical Court of Jersey.
 6. For the purposes of Regulation 20 and Regulation 29 of the 2014 Regulations as they relate to the Deanery of Jersey the general law shall include the general law of Jersey.
 7. There being no parochial church councils in Jersey, and as the principal functions which would by law in England fall to a parochial church council (especially co-operation with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) are vested by law and custom in Jersey in the Church Officers (the Churchwardens (*Surveillants*) and Almoners (*Collecteurs de Aumônes*)) of the relevant benefice, for the purposes of Regulations 9 to 15 and 19 of the 2014 Regulations as they relate to the Deanery of Jersey in respect of the bringing of a grievance and consideration thereof, each reference to “PCC” shall unless otherwise specified in these Regulations be construed as a reference to the Church Officers of a relevant benefice as the legally responsible body.
 8. For the purposes of Regulation 11 of the 2014 Regulations as they relate to the Deanery of Jersey, the bringing of a grievance on behalf of a benefice must be authorised by at least two Church Officers of the relevant benefice.
 9. For the purposes of Regulation 15 of the 2014 Regulations as they relate to the Deanery of Jersey, evidence of the authorisation given by at least two Church Officers to the bringing of a grievance must be sent to:
 - (a) the diocesan bishop;
 - (b) the Dean of Jersey; and

- (c) (if different to the diocesan bishop or the Dean of Jersey) the office holder in respect of whom the grievance is brought.
10. The Secretary to the Jersey Deanery Synod shall cause these Regulations to be published on the website of the Deanery of Jersey (jerseydeanery.je) and transmitted to the Greffier of the Ecclesiastical Court to be caused to be enrolled, with a copy annexed of the 2014 Regulations.
11. These Regulations shall be cited under the name Resolution of Disputes Procedure (Arrangements in pursuance of Resolutions under Canon C5) Regulations 2024 and shall come into force upon publication by the Secretary to the Deanery Synod of the date of receipt of the written confirmation received by the Secretary of the Bishop's approval of these Regulations.