Diocesan Synod
Lowest Income Communities Funding (LINC)
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1. Introduction

The way LINC funding is accounted for has changed and the diocese has had to sign a funding agreement meaning it is now treated as a restricted fund. As part of the agreement the NDBF now has to report back to Archbishop's Council on how the funds are being used.

2. Key principles

- Eligibility for LINC is decided by dioceses
- Need to show how Diocesan Synod was consulted
- Should be spent on mission and ministry
- Can't be used for social action that is in isolation from the churches mission and ministry

3. Strategic Intent

- LINC should connect to the overall plan for mission and ministry in low-income areas
- Needs to be clear what difference the funding is making to the parish

4. How is LINC distributed?

- Use index of multiple deprivation to identify parishes falling into lowest 25% within the index
- Use deanery plan to identify planned clergy per parish
- Rank parishes according to IMD
- Use the cost of clergy as a baseline c.£74k
- Deduct from the cost of clergy the amount of parish share each parish has offered
- Allocate from LINC the difference between the cost of clergy and parish share
- Continue to allocate according to ranking until all funds are used

5. Communication

- Parishes in receipt of LINC were told when parish share certificates were sent earlier in the year
- Deanery Finance Officers have been informed of the parishes in their deaneries who are in receipt of LINC