

An Introduction

PCC TRUSTEESHIP

PCC MEMBERS ARE CHARITY TRUSTEES

- ✘ For ages – with `excepted` status
- ✘ As a Trustee you can make a real difference to your local church.
- ✘ Responsibilities but with powers to act.
- ✘ PCC a `Corporate Body`
- ✘ 2006 Charities Act – made our responsibilities clearer.

DUTIES

- ✘ Ultimate responsibility for directing affairs of PCC
- ✘ Ensuring compliance with church and charity law
- ✘ Annual accounts and Report on parish work
- ✘ Must send to Diocese !!!!
- ✘ All registered PCCs must state their charitable status on letterheads (over £100k)

DUTY OF PRUDENCE

- ✘ Remain solvent
- ✘ Funds and assets only to further the purposes and interests of PCC
- ✘ Do not put at risk funds or reputation
- ✘ Careful discernment

DUTY OF CARE

- ✘ PCC needs to be well run
- ✘ Seek professional advice on funding and funds
- ✘ Get external advice
- ✘ Make sure you know what the PCC is making decisions on and be well informed.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

- ✘ Purposes, mission and values – be clear
- ✘ Structures, policies and procedures to meet purpose
- ✘ Sound governance
- ✘ Manage and use resources well – and review
- ✘ Be accountable, transparent and communicate
- ✘ Adapt to change – avoid complacency
- ✘ Integrity

FAQ

- ✘ From 2008 – over £100k register
- ✘ Under £100k – excepted - `Statutory Instrument 180 Charities Regulations 1996`
- ✘ Personal liability only arises if there is a failure to act legally – and must show care in administration.
- ✘ Your insurance should provide trustee indemnity – but check it.
- ✘ PCC members cannot be paid employees
- ✘ Minimum age 16

RESOURCES

✦ Charities Act 1993 and the PCC

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