
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015

PART 14

Disposal of proceedings by written representations

Conditions for disposal by written representations

14.1.—(1) The chancellor may order that any proceedings in the consistory court are to be determined on consideration of written representations instead of by a hearing provided both of the conditions set out in paragraph (2) are met.

(2) The conditions are—

- (a) the chancellor considers that determination of the proceedings on consideration of written representations is expedient; and
- (b) all of the parties have agreed in writing to such a course.

Directions

14.2.—(1) Where an order is made under rule 14.1 the chancellor may give directions for the purpose of determining the proceedings on consideration of written representations.

(2) If a party fails to comply with a direction under paragraph (1) the chancellor may proceed to dispose of the proceedings without further reference to that party.

Revocation of order for disposal by written representations

14.3.—(1) The chancellor may at any time prior to the final determination of the proceedings in the consistory court revoke an order that they be determined on consideration of written representations.

(2) If the chancellor revokes an order under paragraph (1) directions must be given for the future conduct of the proceedings.

Inspection of church etc.

14.4. Where an order has been made under rule 14.1, the chancellor may nevertheless inspect any church, other building, article or thing which is the subject of the proceedings or concerning which any question arises in the proceedings.

Determination

14.5.—(1) Where an order has been made under rule 14.1 and has not been revoked, the chancellor may proceed to determine the proceedings upon consideration of all relevant material before the court, including any written representations submitted to the court in accordance with directions given under rule 14.2.

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(2) The chancellor's determination is to have the same effect for all purposes as if it had been made after an oral hearing.