

# Paper Q1

## Synod Listed Building Advisory Committees

### Listed Buildings Advisory Group

#### Basic information

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<b>Action required</b>	None other than to note the comments.
<b>Draft resolution(s)</b>	<b>None.</b>

#### Summary of content

<b>Subject and aim(s)</b>	To advise Assembly Executive of the increasing difficulties in staffing Synod LBACs and the implications for use of Ecclesiastical Exemption.
<b>Main points</b>	As above.
<b>Previous relevant documents</b>	None.
<b>Consultation has taken place with...</b>	Synod LBAC Convenors and members.

#### Summary of impact

<b>Financial</b>	None immediate but the possibility of having to employ, and pay for, external consultants is very real in some Synods.
<b>External (eg ecumenical)</b>	Convenor of LBAG is having ongoing consultations with the Baptist and Methodists.

"The Listed Buildings Advisory Group [LBAG] wishes to draw the attention of the Assembly Executive to an increasing difficulty in recruiting members to Listed Building Advisory Committees [LBACs] in some, but not all, Synods.

There is a shortage of volunteers who are willing to serve and who have suitable skills and knowledge to underpin the work of the LBAC.

The LBAG has discussed a scheme in which better-resourced Synods lend help to those which are worse off. It has also discussed a 'flying squad' approach on which specific situations within Synods are addressed by a small group recruited directly by the LBAG. Discussions have been held with the Methodist Church and the Baptist Union to research the sharing of resources in such an enterprise, but it is hard to make much progress because of the different organisational models that apply within those denominations.

Currently, the LBAG is in discussion regarding the possibility of running a pilot project within the Yorkshire and Northern Synods to try out some new possibilities.