

Presbytery of Lothian and Borders

Resourcing Ministry Committee

Agenda for Meeting on 9th October at 9:30 a.m.

1. Constitution
2. Attendance and apologies:
3. Welcoming the committee
4. Priorities for 2025 – 2026 session:

Ongoing support and development for local worship leaders. We'll be overseeing the courses that run on an annual basis, and also be looking at how we can provide support and some additional training for those who are already involved in this ministry.

Review and relaunch of chaplaincy for serving ministers and others who are in church employment. We currently have a team of seven chaplains, and we are examining how we can encourage those who are eligible to make greater use of the resources available. We're looking particularly at how chaplaincy might be offered for locums and for ministers who are in the transition from full-time employment to retirement.

Encourage and develop the new scheme for the training of funeral celebrants. The first group for this course is currently in training and we have to review the course and make arrangements for the commissioning and recognition of those who will complete the course towards the end of 2025. We anticipate training the next group in 2027.

Bring forward proposals for supporting ministry in rural communities where there is no longer a regular place of worship.

Provide support for those who are in training for the nationally recognised ministries of the church; full-time ministers of word and sacrament, OLMs, deacons and readers.

Encourage participation in presbytery accredited ministries, such as Lay Pastors and Local Missioners.

5. Funeral Celebrants Training Course
6. Training for worship leaders
7. Training for a variety of ministries – common core and diversity of ministries
8. Presbytery chaplains: review and relaunch
9. Study Leave: Leslie Milton and Robin Hill
10. Worship and Fellowship in communities where there is now no longer a church building
11. National Assessors
12. AOB – please notify the convenor in advance of the meeting, if possible
13. Dates of next meetings: