

Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance Private Rental Housing for Curates - Policy

Background

The housing of stipendiary curates for the better performance of their duties is an important factor within the diocese and once a training parish has been selected, the next step is to secure suitable accommodation.

If the diocese does not own a house in the vicinity of the benefice, then it will rent one where possible in proximity. This policy aims to ensure consistency and fairness so that all curates receive accommodation that is of a good standard and meets their reasonable needs.

The aim would be to secure tenure for the duration of the curacy but that cannot be guaranteed.

Accommodation Minimum Criteria

A guide to what is deemed as minimum criteria for appropriate accommodation is as follows:

- Semi detached or detached house.
- Minimum 3 bedrooms unless the number of dependents requires more.
- 2 ground floor reception rooms, 1 of which could be a conservatory.
- Additional study space may not always be provided and so one of the rooms may be needed as a study. Where possible these rooms will be independently accessible to reduce encroachment on family life.
- Extra room for meetings is unlikely to be provided, particularly if there is suitable space available in the parish.
- Downstairs WC.
- Garage or suitable storage facility.

Principle Considerations in the provision of Housing

Every effort will be made to offer a property that is:

- well located for mission.
- in good condition.
- able to accommodate the needs of the incoming curate and their immediate family.

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