

## **Timetable for 2018 and the formation of working groups**

- 31 March 2018 – closing date for feedback from parishes
- February/March – establishment of working groups for each strand of renewal
- 23 April – DSPG meets
- End April – report to Clergy and Stewards about the feedback and video message from the Bishop
- May/June – meetings and consultations with individuals and groups of parishes if necessary
- 28 June – DSPG meets to look at the feedback
- 20 September – DSPG meets to look at the feedback
- 3 November – Clergy and stewards meeting to receive a presentation on the draft of the Vision document
- Last week in November – Vision document published with a video message from the Bishop
- 2 December – First Sunday of Advent – Pastoral Letter from the Bishop.

He said working groups are to be set up for each renewal strand, to explore ways in which people can work together. They will make recommendations to the DSPG, who will either approve or amend them, and present an agreed way forward to the clergy and stewards. It is likely that the recommendations will lead to planning with other groups. Each group will try to find one to three objectives to achieve in a short period of time.

A review of progress will take place in Q4 2019 and will be presented to the DSPG with suggestions for variations in the terms of reference for the future. The working groups, which will be formed over the next two months, are to comprise clergy with responsibility for the area, lay people and stewards with an interest in it. Meetings will be chaired alternately by a priest and a lay person, with the director of development acting as the group's secretary. Geographical groups of parishes working together for restructuring will emerge from the consultation exercise; they will not be a reincarnation of deaneries. Each group will have an ambassador to share ideas with parishes and to receive them, so as to move away from a silo culture.