

At their third full meeting, the Vacancy in See Committee (ViSC) was presented with the first draft of the Statement of Needs. This is the document which we are tasked with preparing as part of the appointment process for the next Bishop of Winchester. This initial draft was the fruit of many hours' work by several of the Committee members, taking into account the diocesan consultation, and supported by many prayers.

You may remember that the fourth and final meeting of the ViSC is scheduled for Monday December 5th. This means that we have just over two weeks to complete the re-writes, add in some new material, add in the visual images and formatting, and ensure that everything is in place for the document to be signed off.

In other words, we are very much in the business end of this process. Thank you for your prayer support thus far: please go on praying. There is a good and thoughtful team hard at work drafting – and re-drafting – the Statement of Needs; for all of us, however, this vital work is undertaken alongside our other responsibilities. Your prayers will make all the difference. Thank you, in faith, for your prayers in the coming days.

With all good wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.