

260303 - CFCE Determinations, March

Thursday 26 March 2026

▪ Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Chad

Conservation of the Lichfield Angel (Inv. no 0923), addressing damage identified upon its return from the Silk Road exhibition at the British Museum, where it was on display from August 2024 to March 2025. (Applied 5 February 2026).

Approved 26 March 2026 on condition: 1. That within twelve months a report shall be prepared for the CFCE and FAC detailing as much as can be learnt about the circumstances in which the item was broken and how such circumstances might be avoided in future. This will not require a separate application under the Measure.

▪ Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Saint Peter in York (York Minster)

Applied for approval of the following proposal: Stone repair and renewals to address deterioration of stonework in the South Quire Transept and the exo-skeletons to the Lady Chapel clerestory windows, with structural monitoring and associated temporary works. This application also includes insulation to the South Quire Transept, conservation works to the east triforium and the renewal of LED lighting. (Applied on 10 February 2026).

Summary of the application

1. Stone repair and renewals to address deterioration of stonework in the South Quire Transept (SQT), primarily focussing on associated buttresses and windows s7 (St Cuthbert's Window), S6 and S7.
2. Stone repair and renewals to address deterioration of stonework in the exo skeletons of Lady Chapel clerestory windows S3, 4 & 5.
3. Works to monitor structural movement risks in these areas, with structural analysis which will recommend limited structural intervention as proposed by The Morton Partnership (TMP).
4. The associated access and temporary works (scaffolds; lifting and hoisting; temporary works and other propping to structure). As with previous applications, this CCM application asks for approval for the final design of scaffold and temporary works to be approved subject to a condition, developed and signed off by FAC if needed.
5. Renewal of lighting to low-energy LED lights in\the south quire transept, but otherwise on a like-for-like basis.

Approved without conditions, 26 March 2026.

▪ Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Carlisle

Cleaning, overhaul and restoration of the Cathedral organ. Summary of the application The proposal comprises the renewal of the layout and mechanism of the organ within the historic façades, and the creation of a new tonal design that respects the organ's history and conserves the best of its pipework. (Applied on 20 February 2026).

Approved 26 March 2026 subject to the following conditions:

1. *That the swell box, being of the same proportions as present, is de-emphasised by adjusting the lighting scheme to emphasise the restored box, and by devising a painting scheme to help it to blend into the background; these details to be agreed with the FAC or, in default of agreement, with the Commission.*

2. That, before a full restoration of the 32' pedal pipework front commences: a) the restorer should be given access to the pipes for sampling and analysis to inform her treatment; b) the restorer should begin work on a trial pipe or area before proceeding further, and that this trial area should be made available for inspection by the FAC and they should be given an opportunity to comment. The reasons for the conditions being (1) because these details are not yet available; and (2) to ensure the quality of the final result and confirm that a consistent result can be achieved. Neither condition will require a further application to be made under the Measure.

▪ **Cathedral Church of St Peter, Exeter**

The cabling and containment required for the lighting and audio-visual systems in the Nave and chapels. A system of cameras for live streaming and recording. Summary of the application This package of works includes the installation of lighting and sound in the nave, nave aisles, and transepts, and the chapels of the east end not completed in previous works. The project will also facilitate the completion of the "global" functioning of these systems, allowing, for the first time, all of the lighting or AV to be controlled from one single point of operation. (Applied on 20 February 2026).

Approved 26 March 2026. with the following condition:

1. The finish, colour and positioning of brackets, and the recycling or removal of redundant fixtures, shall be subject to the approval of the Fabric Advisory Committee. This will not require a fresh application under the Measure. The reason for the condition being that these details are not yet available.

▪ **Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity and St Peter, Gloucester**

Renewal of the East Walk roof structure and lead covering of the Great Cloister.

Summary of the application

The proposal is to replace the section of roof containing RAAC with a new structure of sustainable softwood timber rafters and timber decking on the pre-existing precast beams and masonry piers, which were found to be in good condition. The lead covering will be removed and recast so it can be re-laid on the new structure to current best practice. Venting will be achieved with a continuous eaves vent slot and higher-level mushroom vents at intervals higher up the roof slope. It is proposed that a fall prevention system is installed as part of the works as none currently exists in this location. (Applied on 06 February 2026).

Approved on 26 March 2026, with the following conditions: 1. That the FAC approves the methodology for the removal of the RAAC once a specialist contractor has been identified and before works commence. 2. That the Commission is informed of the final decision relating to the material of the access hatches. The reason for the condition being that these details were not yet available.

▪ **Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Chad, Lichfield**

The two flagons (Inv nos LCA 0151 and LCA 0152) are from the cathedral's Dean Lang Silver Commission collection. The knob in the design of a finial has become detached on LCA 0151, and the thumb piece has detached on LCA 0152. The proposal is for these pieces to be re-attached by a local silversmith. (Applied on 5th February 2026).

Approved 26 March 2026 subject to the following condition: 1. That the finial knob on LCA151 is re-soldered rather than using thread and nut. For the reason that re-soldering should provide a strong enough join of the finial knob to the lid.

▪ **Cathedral and Parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Southwell**

Minor external repair / roof works (rainwater goods) to stop leaks and improve ventilation.

Summary of the application

1. masonry: raking out and repointing of open joints to flashings and behind / adjacent to leaking rainwater downpipes (RWDPs);
2. minor roofing repairs: lead patch repairs: replacement of patches & installation of new lead patches to cracks and holes in lead; replacement of damaged lead flashings;
3. rainwater goods: replacement / repair / minor alteration of RWDPs;
4. ventilation improvements: roofing boarding: enlargement of roofing board ventilation holes to new (2017) roof; door: cutting in of vent grille to new (2017) dormer door; window: replacement of leaded light panes with ventilation mesh;
5. survey: drainage survey of RWDPs and connected below ground survey; 6. glazing: repair / replacement of damaged glass pane; 7. bird deterrent: re-fixing of high-level bird netting / bird removal.

(Applied on 6 February 2026).

Approved 26 March 2026 subject to the conditions: 1. A report on the outcome of the repairs, including information on the condition of timbers as a consequence of long-term water ingress, shall be presented to the Fabric Advisory Committee. The reason for the condition being that this information is not yet available.