

FORM 5 (Rule 5)

Section 8 of Care of Cathedrals Measure 2011 Notice of Decision of Fabric Advisory Committee

TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of:

The Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

applied on *insert date*

9th June 2022

for approval of the following proposal: *complete as on Form 3*

to complete the systematic programme of conservation of the Torre Manuscripts concerning the history of the Diocese of York produced by antiquary James Torre in the late 17th century.

Summary of the nature of work and its extent (and materials) [or in the case of an object, a short description of it and details of the proposal]

The Torre Manuscripts (York Minster Archives L1(2)-(10)) are an antiquarian collection, originally in nine large volumes, relating to the Diocese of York, which was compiled by the antiquary James Torre in the late 17th century.

By virtue of their date (pre 1701), the manuscripts are designated as being of outstanding interest on the cathedral inventory. They include extracts from earlier sources now lost and the most valuable and reliable of the early antiquarian surveys of the Minster.

Use of the volumes over the centuries resulted in significant damage to their bindings and leaves. In the late 1980s, specialist conservation advice was obtained and a project of cleaning and repair was initiated, with the largest volumes being rebound into several smaller ones in order to reduce their susceptibility to damage through future handling. There are now 28 volumes in total.

Conservation work was previously completed on a number of the volumes (L1(3), (5)-(10)) and significant progress made with another (L1(2)). Funding is now available to continue the work. The same conservator will be used as previously. Five volumes, L1(2)/1-4 (abstracts of records of the Chapter of York, a valuable source as some of the originals are now lost) and L1(4) (notes on

Representations

Representations in writing in respect of the above proposal were received from: *list any statutory consultees and other bodies and give total number of representations from members of the public*

None received

Decision

At a meeting of the Fabric Advisory Committee held on:

30th June 2022

the above proposal and representations were considered and the Committee decided to:

1. Approve the proposal

Signed



David Demack
Secretary of the Fabric Advisory Committee

Dated: 25th July 2022

NOTES:

1. A copy of this Notice is to be sent or delivered to the bodies or persons specified in Rule 5(7), as applicable [to the Chapter, the Cathedrals Fabric Commission and any other bodies who received a copy of the Form 3].

2. Within 7 days of receipt of this Notice the administrator of the Cathedral Church is to display a copy of it inside and outside the cathedral where it will be readily visible to the public for a period of not less than 28 days.