

MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH SENTENCING COUNCIL
FRIDAY 05 DECEMBER 2025 AT 1430
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, HAMILTON

AGENDA

(Timings are indicative only)

TIME	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER(S)
1	PROCEEDINGS	
1430-1440	Item 1.1: Introduction and welcome	Chair
	Item 1.2: Previous meeting minutes <i>Paper 1.2</i>	Chair
	Item 1.3: Progress of actions since last meeting <i>Paper 1.3</i>	Chair
	Item 1.4: Private papers <i>Papers 1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.1A, 3.1B, 3.1C, 3.1D, 3.2, 3.2A, 3.3, 3.3A, 3.3B, 3.4, 3.4A, 3.5, 3.5A, 4.3, 5.1, 5.1A, 5.2, 5.2A, 5.3, 5.4, 6.1, 7.1, 7.2, 7.2A, 7.2B, 7.2C, 7.3B, 7.3C, and 7.4</i>	Chair
	Item 1.5: Update on Council and committee membership <i>Paper 1.5</i>	Chair
2	BUSINESS PLANNING	
1440-1500	Item 2.1: 2026/27 Budget update <i>Paper 2.1</i>	Ondine Tennant
	Item 2.2: Report on 10-year conference <i>Paper 2.2</i>	Chair Ondine Tennant
3	SENTENCING GUIDELINES	
1500-1540	Item 3.1: Draft domestic abuse guideline and public consultation <i>Papers 3.1 and 3.1A-D</i>	Summary Sheriff McDonald
	Item 3.2: Rape guidelines brief - discussion <i>Papers 3.2 and 3.2A</i>	Lindsey Miller
	Item 3.3: Sexual assault guideline PID and project plan <i>Papers 3.3 and 3.3A-B</i>	Lindsey Miller
	Item 3.4: Draft sentencing after a guilty plea guideline	Sheriff Fleming

	<i>Papers 3.4 and 3.4A</i>	
	Item 3.5: Guideline on environmental offences <i>Papers 3.5 and 3.5A</i>	Sheriff Fleming
	Item 3.6: Guideline committees update <i>Oral update on the work of the guideline committees: -</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Sexual offences</i> <i>Domestic abuse</i> <i>Sentencing after a guilty plea</i> <i>Environmental and wildlife crime</i> 	Lindsey Miller Summary Sheriff McDonald Sheriff Fleming
4	RESEARCH	
1540-1550	Item 4.1: Research Committee update <i>Oral update</i>	Dr Jay Gormley
	Item 4.2: Research projects update <i>Oral update</i>	Dr Nicole Vidal
	Item 4.3: Research projects and priorities <i>Paper 4.3</i>	Dr Nicole Vidal
5	COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT	
1550-1605	Item 5.1: Easy read information pack <i>Papers 5.1 and 5.1A</i>	Sheriff Pattison
	Item 5.2: Communications activity update <i>Papers 5.2 and 5.2A</i>	Sheriff Pattison
	Item 5.3: Social media and digital report <i>Paper 5.3</i>	Sheriff Pattison
	Item 5.4: Recent and upcoming engagement activity <i>Papers 5.4 and 5.4A</i>	Chair
6	POLICY DEVELOPMENT	
1605-1615	Item 6.1: Policy update <i>Paper 6.1</i>	David Dickson
7	GOVERNANCE AND REPORTS	
1615-1625	Item 7.1: Review of standing orders <i>Paper 7.1</i>	David Dickson
	Item 7.2: Review of records management plan and other governance documents	David Ross

	<i>Papers 7.2 and 7.2A-C</i>	
	Item 7.3: Standing papers: correspondence, FOISA, and complaints; finance overview; guideline timetable <i>Papers 7.3A-C</i>	Chair
	Item 7.4: Decisions by correspondence <i>Paper 7.4</i>	Chair
8	AOB	
1625-1630	Item 8.1: AOB	Chair
9	FUTURE MEETING DATES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop: Friday 06 February 2026 • Council meeting: Friday 27 March 2026 • Council meeting: Friday 12 June 2026 • Workshop: Friday 28 August 2026 • Council meeting: Friday 02 October 2026 • Council meeting: Friday 04 December 2026 	Chair