

## **ITEM 4.4 – RESEARCH COMMITTEE REMIT**

### **Purpose**

1. To seek the Council's approval of a revised remit for the Research Committee.

### **Background**

2. With the recent creation of working group committees, the Research Committee has considered whether its remit needed revision to acknowledge the revised working structure of the Council and its committees.
3. The Research Committee agreed to propose a revised remit to the Council for approval.

### **Changes to existing remit**

4. The Research Committee recommends the insertion of a line acknowledging the interaction between the working group committees and the Research Committee. This has been left deliberately general, to allow flexibility in this relationship.
5. A minor drafting change is also proposed to ensure the remit accurately reflects the Council's objectives.

### **Revised remit**

6. The revised remit is attached as annex A. Changes are marked in red.

### **Recommendations**

7. **Members are asked to agree the revised remit for the Research Committee.**

## ANNEX A

### Revised remit

The Committee is to support the Council in its research activity, particularly in the creation and oversight of a research commissioning framework and the tendering of research projects, to enable the Council to meet its **statutory** objective of undertaking research on sentencing in Scotland. The Committee will deliver the Council's research programme by:

- managing the research and commissioning framework on behalf of the Scottish Sentencing Council and keeping it under review
- reviewing specifications for commissioned research
- assessing tenders for commissioned research and speculative applications for funding
- overseeing research projects during their lifespan
- **providing support to working group committees**
- reviewing outputs from research projects
- disseminating research findings
- reporting to the Scottish Sentencing Council with its recommendations and, where applicable, referring significant or potentially controversial decisions to the Council.