

MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH SENTENCING COUNCIL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

29 OCTOBER 2021, VIA WEBEX

MINUTES

Members present: Dr Hannah Graham
Sheriff Iain Fleming
Susan Fallone, JP

Apologies: None

Secretariat: Andrew Bell (Principal Research Officer)
Ondine Tennant (Secretary)
Dr Nicole Vidal (Researcher)

1. PROCEEDINGS

Item 1.1: Introduction and welcome

- 1) No apologies were received.

Item 1.2: Minutes of previous meeting

- 2) The Committee recommended that the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed without amendment.

Item 1.3: Private papers

- 3) The Committee agreed the private papers for the meeting.

2. EXTERNAL RESEARCH

Item 2.1: 2022/23 and beyond research priorities

- 4) The committee considered research priorities for the 2022/23 financial year, as well as indicative longer-term priorities.
- 5) The committee agreed to recommend these to the Council.

Item 2.2: 2022/23 research projects

- 6) The committee considered research projects for the 2022/23 financial year.
- 7) The committee agreed to recommend these to the Council.

Item 2.3: Future research projects

- 8) The committee considered a number of outline research projects to support the future research priorities of the Council.
- 9) The committee agreed to recommend to the Council that these projects be agreed in advance to allow for flexible budget utilisation.

Item 2.4: External data

- 10) Andrew updated the committee on the latest sentencing data provided by SCTS.

Item 2.5: Progress of tenders

- 11) Andrew updated the committee on the progress of various procurement exercises.

3: RESEARCH REPORTS

- 12) There were no items under this head.

4: PROMOTING AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING

Item 4.1: Research webinar

- 13) The committee agreed to take forward plans for a research webinar in spring 2022.

5: FUTURE MEETING DATES

- 14) The committee agreed to work by correspondence as required and to seek dates to meet in spring 2022.

6: AOCB

- 15) There was no other business.