

ITEM 4.4A: RECENT ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

Purpose

1. To provide the Council with an update on recent engagement activity.

Discussion

2. The following table details some of the presentations delivered and conferences, seminars, and visits attended by Council members or staff for the period **15 March – 23 May 2025**.

RECENT ENGAGEMENT EVENTS ATTENDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF	DATE	DETAILS OF COUNCIL PARTICIPATION
CYCJ webinar 'Young adults on probation'	26 March 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Northumbria University Lecture by Professor Vanessa Bettinson on 'The importance of embedding understandings of coercive control in the criminal justice system'	09 April 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
CYCJ webinar 'Navigating the Disclosure Act'	29 April 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
University of Edinburgh event, former Lord President, Lord Carloway, reflects on his time in office	30 April 2025	Members of the secretariat attended
CYCJ webinar 'Antisocial Behaviour in Scotland – Hearing from the Independent working group'	02 May 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Sheriff Appeal Court forum (first decade of the Sheriff Appeal Court)	14 May 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Sheriffdom of South Strathclyde Dumfries and Galloway Justice of the Peace Conference	14 May 2025	A member of the secretariat delivered a presentation about the Council
CYCJ webinar 'Applying desistance thinking with youth justice-involved children'	15 May 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Glasgow Bar Association	17 May 2025	A members of the Council delivered a presentation about the Council and sentencing
CYCJ webinar 'Neurodivergent children's experiences in the Youth Justice System'	22 May 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
The International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law 2025 Conference	02-05 June 2025	Members of the Council and a member of the secretariat attended

Recommendation

3. That the Council notes this update.

Scottish Sentencing Council Secretariat

May 2025