MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH SENTENCING COUNCIL

FRIDAY 06 JUNE 2025 AT 1000

GLASGOW SHERIFF COURT

AGENDA

(Timings are indicative only)

TIME	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER(S)
1	**PROCEEDINGS**	
1000-1010	**Item 1.1: Introduction and welcome**	Chair
	Item 1.2: Previous meeting minutes *Paper 1.2*	Chair
	Item 1.3: Progress of actions since last meeting *Paper 1.3*	Chair
	Item 1.4: Private papers *Papers 1.3, 1.5, 3.1, 3.1A-B, 3.2, 3.2A-B, 3.3, 3.3A, 4.1, 4.1A, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5.2, 5.4, 5.4A, 6.1, 6.2, 6.2A, 7.1, 7.1A, 7.2B-C*	Chair
	Item 1.5: Update on Council and committee membership *Paper 1.5*	Chair
2	**BUSINESS PLANNING**	
1010-1110	**Item 2.1: Update from Scottish Government and Scottish Sentencing and Penal Policy Commission** *Oral update and discussion*	Cat Dalrymple (Director of Justice, Scottish Government) – by video conference Sheriff David Mackie (Commissioner, the Scottish Sentencing and Penal Policy Commission), and Nicola Wisdahl (secretariat)

1110-1120	**BREAK**	
3	**SENTENCING GUIDELINES**	
1120-1220	**Item 3.1: Rape** *Papers 3.1 and 3.1A-B*	Lord Matthews
	Item 3.2: Draft report on rape guidelines consultation *Papers 3.2 and 3.2A-B*	Lord Matthews
	Item 3.3: Sexual assault *Papers 3.3 and 3.3A*	Lord Matthews
	Item 3.4: Guideline committees update *Oral update on the work of the guideline committees: -* • *Sexual offences* • *Domestic abuse* • *Sentence after a guilty plea* • *Environment and wildlife crime*	Lord Matthews Lindsey Miller Sheriff Fleming
4	**COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT**	
1220-1235	**Item 4.1: Communications activity update** *Papers 4.1 and 4.1A*	Joanne McMillan
	Item 4.2: Social media and digital report *Paper 4.2*	Joanne McMillan
	Item 4.3: 10-year anniversary update *Paper 4.3*	Joanne McMillan
	Item 4.4: Recent and upcoming engagement activity *Papers 4.4 and 4.4A*	Chair
5	**RESEARCH**	
1235-1250	**Item 5.1: Research Committee update** *Oral update*	Sheriff Fleming

	Item 5.2: Research projects update *Oral update with reference to paper 5.2*	Dr Nicole Vidal
	Item 5.3: Research Symposium *Oral update*	Dr Nicole Vidal
	Item 5.4 Research project proposal *Papers 5.4 and 5.4A*	Jane Rice
6	**POLICY DEVELOPMENT**	
1250-1305	**Item 6.1: Policy update** *Paper 6.1*	David Dickson
	Item 6.2: Scottish Sentencing and Penal Policy Commission: call for evidence *Papers 6.2 and 6.2A*	Ondine Tennant
7	**GOVERNANCE AND REPORTS**	
1305-1310	**Item 7.1: Annual Report 2024-25** *Papers 7.1 and 7.1A*	David Ross
	Item 7.2: Standing papers: correspondence, FOISA, and complaints; finance overview; guideline timetable *Papers 7.2A-C*	Chair
	Item 7.3: Decisions by correspondence *Oral update*	Chair
8	**AOB**	
1310-1315	**Item 8.1: AOB**	Chair
9	**FUTURE MEETING DATES**	
	• Council workshop: Friday 05 September 2025 • Council meeting: Friday 03 October 2025 • Council meeting: Friday 05 December 2025	Chair