

MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH SENTENCING COUNCIL

FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2026 AT 1000

PARLIAMENT HOUSE, EDINBURGH

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 <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, 3.1, 3.1A, 3.1B, 3.2, 3.2A, 3.3, 3.3A, 3.3B, 3.3C, 3.4, 3.4A, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.4A, 4.5, 4.5A, 4.6, 4.6A, 4.6B, 5.1, 5.1A, 5.2, 5.2A, 6.1, 6.2, 6.2A, 6.2B, 6.2C, 6.3, 6.3A, 7.1B, 7.1C, and 7.2.</i>	Chair
	Item 1.5: Update on Council and committee membership <i>Paper 1.5</i>	Chair
2	BUSINESS PLANNING	
1010-1100	Item 2.1: Update from Scottish Government <i>Oral update and discussion</i>	Chair Cat Dalrymple (Director of Justice, Scottish Government)
3	SENTENCING GUIDELINES	
1100-1150	Item 3.1: Draft guideline on indecent images of children offences <i>Papers 3.1 and 3.1A-B</i>	Sheriff Scott Pattison
	Item 3.2: Draft judicial survey on guideline on indecent images of children offences <i>Papers 3.2 and 3.2A</i>	Sheriff Scott Pattison

	<p>Item 3.3: Revised rape guidelines and impact assessment</p> <p><i>Papers 3.3 and 3.3A-C</i></p>	David Dickson
	<p>Item 3.4: Sentencing After a Guilty Plea draft guideline</p> <p><i>Papers 3.4 and 3.4A</i></p>	Summary Sheriff Alison Michie (TBC) David Dickson
	<p>Item 3.5: Guideline committees update</p> <p><i>Oral update on the work of the guideline committees: -</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sexual offences</i> • <i>Domestic abuse</i> • <i>Environmental and wildlife</i> • <i>Sentencing after a guilty plea</i> 	Sheriff Scott Pattison Summary Sheriff Joanna McDonald Victoria Young Summary Sheriff Alison Michie
4	COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT	
1150-1210	<p>Item 4.1: Recent and upcoming engagement activity</p> <p><i>Papers 4.1 and 4.1A</i></p>	Chair
	<p>Item 4.2: Communications activity</p> <p><i>Paper 4.2</i></p>	Sheriff Scott Pattison
	<p>Item 4.3: Media and digital update</p> <p><i>Paper 4.3</i></p>	Sheriff Scott Pattison
	<p>Item 4.4: Social media</p> <p><i>Papers 4.4 and 4.4A</i></p>	Sheriff Scott Pattison
	<p>Item 4.5: Doors open days 2026</p> <p><i>Papers 4.5 and 4.5A</i></p>	Sheriff Scott Pattison
	<p>Item 4.6: Report on 10-year anniversary conference</p> <p><i>Papers 4.6 and 4.6A-B</i></p>	Ondine Tennant
5	RESEARCH	
1210-1230	<p>Item 5.1: Research Committee update</p> <p><i>Paper 5.1 and 5.1A</i></p>	Dr Jay Gormley Dr Nicole Vidal Jane Rice

	Item 5.2: One-year review of death by driving guideline <i>Papers 5.2 and 5.2A</i>	Hannah Downey
6	POLICY DEVELOPMENT	
1230-1250	Item 6.1: Policy update <i>Paper 6.1</i>	David Dickson
	Item 6.2: Sentencing and Penal Policy Commission <i>Papers 6.2 and 6.2A-C</i>	Ondine Tennant
	Item 6.3: Scottish Government consultation on 'Protections in the justice system for women and girls' <i>Papers 6.3 and 6.3A</i>	David Dickson
7	GOVERNANCE AND REPORTS	
1250-1255	Item 7.1: Standing papers: correspondence, FOISA, and complaints; finance overview; guideline timetable <i>Papers 7.1A-C</i>	Chair
	Item 7.2: Decisions by correspondence <i>Paper 7.2</i>	Chair
8	AOB	
1255-1300	Item 8.1: AOB	Chair
9	FUTURE MEETING DATES	
1300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop: Friday 28 August 2026 • Meeting: Friday 02 October 2026 • Meeting: Friday 04 December 2026 	Chair
1300	CLOSE	