

MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH SENTENCING COUNCIL

FRIDAY 06 DECEMBER 2024 AT 1400

PARLIAMENT HOUSE, EDINBURGH

AGENDA

(Timings are indicative only)

This meeting will be preceded by a visit to the Orchard Clinic, William Fraser Centre, and Islay Centre at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital between 10:00-12:00.

TIME	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER(S)
1	PROCEEDINGS	
1400-1415	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, 3.2, 3.2A, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D, 4.1, 4.2, 4.2A, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 5.3, 5.3A, 6.1, 7.1, 7.2, 7.2A, 7.2B, 7.3, 7.3A, 7.3B, 7.4B, 7.4C, 7.5</i>	Chair
	Item 1.5: Update on Council and committee membership <i>Paper 1.5</i>	Chair
	Item 1.6: Update on staffing <i>Oral update</i>	Ondine Tennant
2	BUSINESS PLANNING	
1415-1420	Item 2.1: Funding 2025-26 <i>Oral update</i>	Ondine Tennant
3	SENTENCING GUIDELINES	
1420-1510	Item 3.1: Rape guidelines <i>Papers 3.1 and 3.1A-C</i>	Valerie MacGregor
	Item 3.2: Domestic abuse guideline <i>Papers 3.2 and 3.2A-D</i>	Lord Colbeck
	Item 3.3: Guideline committees update <i>Oral update on the work of the guideline committees: -</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Sexual offences</i>	Lindsey Miller

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discounting</i> • <i>Domestic abuse</i> • <i>Environment and wildlife</i> 	Lord Colbeck Sheriff Fleming
4	COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT	
1510-1540	Item 4.1: Recent and upcoming engagement activity <i>Papers 4.1 and 4.1A</i>	Chair
	Item 4.2: Communications activity <i>Papers 4.2 and 4.2A</i>	Joanne McMillan
	Item 4.3: Media and digital update <i>Paper 4.3</i>	Joanne McMillan
	Item 4.4: Publication of consultation responses and engagement policy <i>Paper 4.4</i>	Joanne McMillan
	Item 4.5: 10-year anniversary proposals <i>Paper 4.5</i>	Joanne McMillan
5	RESEARCH	
1540-1600	Item 5.1: Research Committee update <i>Oral update</i>	Dr Hannah Graham
	Item 5.2: Research projects update <i>Oral update</i>	Dr Nicole Vidal
	Item: 5.3: Monitoring and evaluating guidelines <i>Papers 5.3 and 5.3A</i>	Dr Nicole Vidal
6	POLICY DEVELOPMENT	
1600-1610	Item 6.1: Policy update <i>Paper 6.1</i>	David Dickson
7	GOVERNANCE AND REPORTS	
1610-1625	Item 7.1: Review of standing orders <i>Papers 7.1 and 7.1A</i>	David Dickson
	Item 7.2: Review of records management plan and other governance documents <i>Papers 7.2 and 7.2A-B</i>	David Ross
	Item 7.3: Unacceptable actions policy <i>Paper 7.3 and 7.3A-B</i>	David Ross

	<p>Item 7.4: Standing papers: correspondence, FOISA, and complaints; finance overview; guideline timetable</p> <p><i>Papers 7.4A-C</i></p>	<p>Chair David Ross</p>
	<p>Item 7.5: Decisions by correspondence</p> <p><i>Paper 7.5</i></p>	<p>Chair</p>
8	AOB	
1625-1630	Item 8.1: AOB	Chair
9	FUTURE MEETING DATES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council workshop: Friday 28 February 2025 • Council meeting: Friday 21 March 2025 • Council meeting: Friday 06 June 2025 • Council workshop: Friday 29 August 2025 • Council meeting: Friday 03 October 2025 • Council meeting: Friday 05 December 2025 	<p>Chair</p>
1630	CLOSE	