

**MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH SENTENCING COUNCIL**

**FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2025 AT 1000**

**PARLIAMENT HOUSE, EDINBURGH**

**AGENDA**

(Timings are indicative only)

<b>TIME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SPEAKER(S)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>PROCEEDINGS</b>	
<b>1000-1010</b>	<b>Item 1.1: Introduction and welcome</b>	Chair
	<b>Item 1.2: Previous meeting minutes</b> <i>Paper 1.2</i>	Chair
	<b>Item 1.3: Progress of actions since last meeting</b> <i>Paper 1.3</i>	Chair
	<b>Item 1.4: Private papers</b> <i>Papers 1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 2.1A, 2.1B, 2.1C, 2.1D, 2.2, 2.2A, 2.2B, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.1A, 5.2, 6.1B, 6.1C, and 6.2.</i>	Chair
	<b>Item 1.5: Update on Council and committee membership</b> <i>Paper 1.5</i>	Chair
	<b>Item 1.6: Update on staffing</b> <i>Oral update</i>	Ondine Tennant
<b>2</b>	<b>SENTENCING GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>1010-1110</b>	<b>Item 2.1: Rape guidelines</b> <i>Papers 2.1 and 2.1A-D</i>	Lord Matthews
	<b>Item 2.2 Domestic abuse judicial survey</b> <i>Papers 2.2 and 2.2A-B</i>	Lord Colbeck
	<b>Item 2.3: Guideline committees update</b> <i>Oral update on the work of the guideline committees: -</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sexual offences</i></li> <li>• <i>Discounting</i></li> <li>• <i>Domestic abuse</i></li> <li>• <i>Environment and wildlife</i></li> </ul>	Lord Matthews Lord Colbeck Sheriff Fleming

<b>3</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT</b>	
1110-1140	<b>Item 3.1: Recent and upcoming engagement activity</b> <i>Papers 3.1 and 3.1A</i>	Chair
	<b>Item 3.2: Communications activity</b> <i>Paper 3.2</i>	Joanne McMillan
	<b>Item 3.3: Media and digital update</b> <i>Paper 3.3</i>	Joanne McMillan
	<b>Item 3.4: Use of social media accounts</b> <i>Paper 3.4</i>	Joanne McMillan
	<b>Item 3.5: 10-year anniversary</b> <i>Paper 3.5</i>	Joanne McMillan
<b>4</b>	<b>RESEARCH</b>	
1140-1210	<b>Item 4.1: Research Committee update</b> <i>Oral update</i>	Sheriff Fleming
	<b>Item 4.2: Research projects update</b> <i>Paper 4.2</i>	Dr Nicole Vidal
	<b>Item 4.3: Research Symposium 2025</b> <i>Paper 4.3</i>	Dr Nicole Vidal
<b>5</b>	<b>POLICY DEVELOPMENT</b>	
1210-1240	<b>Item 5.1: Policy update</b> <i>Papers 5.1 and 5.1A</i>	David Dickson
	<b>Item 5.2: Sentencing and Penal Policy Commission</b> <i>Paper 5.2</i>	Ondine Tennant
<b>6</b>	<b>GOVERNANCE AND REPORTS</b>	
1240-1250	<b>Item 6.1: Standing papers: correspondence, FOISA, and complaints; finance overview; guideline timetable</b> <i>Papers 6.1A-C</i>	Chair David Ross
	<b>Item 6.2: Decisions by correspondence</b> <i>Paper 6.2</i>	Chair
<b>7</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
1250-1255	<b>Item 7.1: AOB</b>	Chair

<b>8</b>	<b>FUTURE MEETING DATES</b>	
<b>1255-1300</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council meeting: Friday 06 June</li> <li>• Council workshop: <del>Friday 29 August</del> (to be rescheduled)</li> <li>• Council meeting: Friday 03 October</li> <li>• Council meeting: Friday 05 December</li> </ul>	Chair
<b>1300</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>	