

**MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH SENTENCING COUNCIL**

**FRIDAY 04 OCTOBER 2024 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, 2.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.2A, 4.2B, 4.3, 4.4, 5.2, 5.3, 5.3A, 5.3B, 5.3C, 5.4, 6.1, 7.1, 7.1A, 7.2, 7.2A, 7.3, 7.3A 7.4B, 7.4C, and 7.5</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>BUSINESS PLANNING</b>	
<b>1010-1050</b>	<b>Item 2.1: Business Plan and Communications and Engagement Strategy 2024-27</b> <i>Papers 2.1 and 2.1A-B</i>	Ondine Tennant
	<b>Item 2.2: Funding 2025-26</b> <i>Oral update with reference to paper 2.2</i>	Ondine Tennant
<b>3</b>	<b>SENTENCING GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>1050-1110</b>	<b>Item 3.1: Guideline committees update</b> <i>Oral update on the work of the guideline committees: -</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Death by driving</i></li> <li>• <i>Sexual offences</i></li> <li>• <i>Discounting</i></li> <li>• <i>Domestic abuse</i></li> </ul>	Lord Matthews  Lord Colbeck  Sheriff Fleming

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Environment and wildlife</i></li> </ul>	
<b>4</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT</b>	
1110-1140	<b>Item 4.1: Recent and upcoming engagement activity</b> <i>Papers 4.1 and 4.1A</i>	Chair
	<b>Item 4.2: Communications activity</b> <i>Papers 4.2 and 4.2A-B</i>	Joanne McMillan
	<b>Item 4.3: Media and social media update, and reporting proposal</b> <i>Paper 4.3</i>	Joanne McMillan
	<b>Item 4.4 Law award</b> <i>Paper 4.4</i>	Joanne McMillan
<b>5</b>	<b>RESEARCH</b>	
1140-1210	<b>Item 5.1: Research Committee update</b> <i>Oral update</i>	Dr Hannah Graham
	<b>Item 5.2: Research priorities and projects – 2024/2025-2026/2027 forecast</b> <i>Oral update with reference to paper 5.2</i>	Dr Nicole Vidal
	<b>Item 5.3: Mental health and sentencing</b> <i>Papers 5.3 and 5.3A-C</i>	David Ross
	<b>Item 5.4: European Society of Criminology Conference 2024</b> <i>Oral update with reference to paper 5.4</i>	Hannah Downey
<b>6</b>	<b>POLICY DEVELOPMENT</b>	
1210-1220	<b>Item 6.1: Policy update</b> <i>Paper 6.1</i>	David Dickson
<b>7</b>	<b>GOVERNANCE AND REPORTS</b>	
1220-1240	<b>Item 7.1: Annual Report 2023-24</b> <i>Papers 7.1 and 7.1A</i>	David Ross Richard Smith
	<b>Item 7.2: Business Continuity Plan</b> <i>Paper 7.2 and 7.2A</i>	Ondine Tennant David Ross
	<b>Item 7.3: Public Sector Equality Duty and UNCRC</b> <i>Paper 7.3</i>	Chair David Dickson
	<b>Item 7.4: Standing papers: correspondence, FOISA, and complaints; finance overview; guideline timetable</b>	Chair David Ross

	<i>Papers 7.4A-C</i>	
	<b>Item 7.5: Decisions by correspondence</b> <i>Paper 7.5</i>	Chair
<b>8</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
<b>1240-1245</b>	<b>Item 8.1: AOB</b>	Chair
<b>9</b>	<b>FUTURE MEETING DATES</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council meeting: Friday 06 December 2024</li> <li>• Council workshop: Friday 28 February 2025</li> <li>• Council meeting: Friday 21 March 2025</li> <li>• Council meeting: Friday 06 June 2025</li> <li>• Council workshop: Friday 29 August 2025</li> <li>• Council meeting: Friday 03 October 2025</li> <li>• Council meeting: Friday 05 December 2025</li> </ul>	Chair