

SC(15)JUN02 April Action Log

**ACTION AND ACTIVITY LOG – as at 12 June 2015**

	Topic	What	Who	Actions to date	Outcome
<b>SENTENCING COUNCIL MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 2014</b>					
1	Robbery	Produce a revised version of the street robbery guideline to address some of the issues arising from the transcript exercise and run another transcript exercise to test this version.	Lissa Matthews and judicial Council members		<b>ACTION CLOSED:</b> Revised guideline to be presented at June meeting. Transcript exercise conducted by OSC officials.
<b>SENTENCING COUNCIL MEETING 30 JANUARY 2015</b>					
2	Probation	John Crawforth proposed a presentation on changes to Probation for a future Council meeting	Claire Fielder	<b>ACTION ONGOING</b> – Claire is approaching Colin Allars, Director of Probation in NOMS, to speak to the Council at a future meeting.	Arranging for the autumn
3	PQBD's review of efficiency in criminal proceedings	Paper/s to March Council exploring options for implementing the review's recommendations where relevant to the Council.	Claire Fielder / Ruth Pope	<b>ACTION ONGOING</b> Longer term "out of scope" recommendations relating to structure of the criminal courts will be considered at a later date.	<b>PARTIALLY CLOSED</b> The Council agreed to revise the allocation guideline and the recommendations relating to the guilty plea guideline will be picked up in the consultation.
<b>SENTENCING COUNCIL MEETING 6 MARCH 2015</b>					
4	Assault	Council decided that the work to be taken forward should be a potential combination of a complete review, option 3, and a review plus guidance on child cruelty and/or domestic violence, option 4, depending on the resource involved and whether Government legislates on DV early in next Parliament.	Mandy Banks	<b>ACTION ONGOING:</b> MOJ have since confirmed that the recent legislation on child cruelty was not a new offence, but a clarification of existing offences.	<b>ACTION ONGOING</b> - Review in November.

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5	<b>Costs of sentencing</b>	Council decided that a note should be produced, to be published on the A&R section of the Council's website, providing hyperlinks to relevant MoJ figures currently published on the costs of sentencing. A draft of the note should be taken to the A&R sub-group and then back to Council before publication.	<b>Caroline Nauth-Misir</b>	<b>ACTION ONGOING:</b> A draft of the note to be presented to the Council at July meeting.	<b>ACTION CLOSED:</b> A draft of the note was presented at the A&R sub-group meeting on 10 June.
6	<b>Youths</b>	Council decided that the approach taken to allocation should be amended but that this may be reviewed following any cases that exercise section 53 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act. Council decided that some of the content needed some revision including the reference to adult guidelines and the factors included in the assessment of seriousness. Council also decided that the section on sentencing options could benefit from greater detail, perhaps in the form of an appendix. Council agreed with the overall style and approach of the revised guideline.	<b>Jo Keatley</b>		<b>ACTION CLOSED:</b> Redraft incorporating the changes suggested at the April meeting will be made and considered at the June meeting.

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7	<b>Guilty Pleas</b>	Consultation to be delayed. Officials are speaking to the CPS, MoJ and police regarding impact on other parts of the system. The costs model is to be run again using 2014 CCSS data and with the reduction at the second stage of proceedings at 20% and 25%. Discussions have been undertaken with MoJ on how best to resource this work and the support they will offer to the Council. Progress on work to date will be brought back to Council in July.	<b>Ruth Pope/ Victoria Obudulu</b>	<b>ACTION ONGOING:</b> An update on work to date to be presented at July Council meeting	
8	<b>Guilty Pleas</b>	MoJ analytical services to provide assistance with cost modelling. MoJ to liaise with Home Office and Attorney General's Office regarding an analysis of the wider implications of the proposed reforms to the CJS of which the guilty plea guideline is a part.	<b>Stephen Muers</b>	<b>ACTION ONGOING:</b> Meeting scheduled for 15 June to review progress.	

9	<b>Allocation</b>	Key stakeholders to be consulted on the proposed allocation guideline by email. Council members will receive a draft of the consultation document by email for comments.	<b>Ruth Pope/ Council members</b>	<b>ACTION CLOSED:</b> Council members have now provided comments on the draft and the distribution list.	<b>ACTION ONGOING:</b> Consultation scheduled from mid June to end July.
10	<b>Theft</b>	Agreed that the wording regarding previous convictions used in consultation (model 1 in the Council paper) should be placed within the statutory aggravating factors section (model 2 in the paper). Also agreed that the wording used during consultation regarding prevalence should be kept, with a small addition. Small amendments to be made to some aggravating/mitigating factors.	<b>Mandy Banks</b>		<b>ACTION CLOSED:</b> Redrafts incorporating all the changes agreed at May meeting to be presented at the June Council meeting.
11	<b>Robbery</b>	Minor amendments to be made to Model B. Office to work on sentencing levels, and test those via a transcript exercise to ensure sentencing practice is unaffected by guideline.	<b>Vicky Hunt</b>		<b>ACTION ONGOING:</b> Considerations to be given to proposed sentence levels at June meeting

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