

ACTION AND ACTIVITY LOG – as at 17 September 2015

	Topic	What	Who	Actions to date	Outcome
SENTENCING COUNCIL MEETING 30 JANUARY 2015					
1	Probation	John Crawforth proposed a presentation on changes to Probation for a future Council meeting	Claire Fielder	ACTION ONGOING – Claire is approaching Colin Allars, Director of Probation in NOMS, to speak to the Council at a future meeting.	ACTION CLOSED - Colin has confirmed attendance at the October meeting.
2	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	ACTION ONGOING Longer term "out of scope" recommendations relating to structure of the criminal courts will be considered at a later date.	PARTIALLY CLOSED The Council agreed to revise the allocation guideline and the recommendations relating to the guilty plea guideline will be picked up in the consultation.
SENTENCING COUNCIL MEETING 6 MARCH 2015					
3	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	ACTION ONGOING: MOJ have since confirmed that the recent legislation on child cruelty was not a new offence, but a clarification of existing offences.	ACTION ONGOING - Review in November.
SENTENCING COUNCIL MEETING 15 May 2015					
4	Guilty Pleas	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.	Ruth Pope/ Victoria Obudulu		ACTION CLOSED: The results to be presented at September Council meeting

5	Guilty Pleas	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.	Stephen Muers		ACTION CLOSED: Results to be presented to the Council at September meeting.
6	Allocation	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.	Ruth Pope/ Council members		ACTION CLOSED: Consultation commenced 19 June will conclude 31 July. The results will be presented to the Council at the September meeting.
7	Robbery	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.	Vicky Hunt		ACTION CLOSED: Make small adjustments to the sentencing levels, in particular the ranges. To be presented to the Council at the September meeting.
SENTENCING COUNCIL MEETING 19 June 2015					
8	Youth	To redraft the approach to determining the sentence (section four) considering a different approach to assessing seriousness. John Saunders to consider section on allocation in light of Tyneside decision and send comments to office/Bill Davis.	Jo Keatley John Saunders		ACTION CLOSED: Comments received from John Saunders and changes implemented. Approach to seriousness has been redrafted to be presented to the Council at the September meeting.
SENTENCING COUNCIL MEETING 17 July 2015					
9	Costs of sentencing	To amend the draft of the cost paper to include only the opening sentence and the links to the relevant statistics and present back to Council for consideration.	Caroline Nauth-Misir		ACTION CLOSED: Links to the relevant statistics have been included in the Annual Report, which will be presented to the Council to review at the September meeting.
10	Youth	To reconsider the approach to offence specific guidelines. Instead draft additional chapters to the overarching principles to cover sexual offences and robbery guidance	Vicky Hunt		ACTION ONGOING: Drafts to be presented to the Council at the September meeting.

11	Theft	To circulate the revised version of the general theft guideline to Council members, and to circulate new wording for the short custodial sentences issue in shop theft. Council members to email Mandy with any drafting/style comments by 24/7/15. Mandy to circulate a draft of the response paper w/c 3/8/15 with one week deadline. Copy of the updated resource assessment to be circulated to Council members before publication.	Mandy Banks/Emma Marshall All Council members		ACTION CLOSED. Revised version of General theft, and the new wording for short custodial sentences was circulated. Draft of the response paper was circulated to Council on 4/8.
12	Consistency	To revise form of words about the Council's objective to improve consistency and circulate to Council members for agreement.	Claire Fielder All Council members	Draft circulated to Council members; comments received	ACTION CLOSED: Wording agreed.
13	Health & Safety	LF to circulate consultation response document and final versions of guidelines week commencing 3/8. Council members to provide comments by 19/8.	Lisa Frost All Council members		ACTION CLOSED

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