

18 January 2024

Dear Members

Meeting of the Sentencing Council – 26 January 2024

The next Council meeting will be held in the **Queens Building, Judges Conference Room, 1st Floor Mezzanine at the Royal Courts of Justice**. This will be a hybrid meeting, so a Microsoft Teams invite is also included below. **The meeting is Friday 26 January 2024 and will be from 9:45 to 15:15.**

A **security pass is needed** to gain access to this meeting room. Members who do not know how to access this room can, after entry head straight to the Queen's Building where Jessica and Gareth will meet members at the lifts and escort them up to the meeting room. If you have any problems getting in or finding the Queen's Building, then please call the office number on 020 7071 5793.

The agenda items for the Council meeting are:

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| ▪ Agenda | SC(24)JAN00 |
| ▪ Minutes of meeting held on 15 December | SC(23)DEC01 |
| ▪ Immigration | SC(24)JAN02 |
| ▪ Protest offences | SC(24)JAN03 |
| ▪ Miscellaneous amendments | SC(24)JAN04 |
| ▪ Housing offences | SC(24)JAN05 |
| ▪ Assault harm | SC(24)JAN06 |

The external communication evaluation for November is included with the papers.

You will notice that we have a short agenda item on meeting dates. Because of the flow of work we are likely to be running short on material to justify four full meetings in the latter half of the year and are considering removing one of the meetings. I will briefly talk through the options and ask for your views.

We have arranged for a photographer from the MoJ design team to take portrait photographs of some of the members attending the January meeting. Phil may be asking you to spare 10 minutes during the lunch break to have your picture taken. The photographs will be used on the website, in the annual report and, potentially, elsewhere. If you would prefer not to be photographed, please let her know.

Members can access papers via the members' area of the website. As ever, if you are unable to attend the meeting, we would welcome your comments in advance.

Please note that these papers are shared strictly for the purposes of guideline development and evaluation only. If you wish to discuss the content with colleagues for any other purposes, please speak to the author of the paper or another member of the Office staff.

The link to join the meeting is: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Wade', with a horizontal line underneath.

Steve Wade

Head of the Office of the Sentencing Council