

REMIT OF THE FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE

In light of a) the Report of the Scottish Civil Courts Review b) Mr Justice Ryder's report in England and Wales entitled "Judicial proposals for the modernisation of family justice" c) the Supreme Court's decision in NJDB and (d) legislative reform in family law, to consider the procedure to be followed in family actions and children's referrals, with a view to ensuring that such actions are dealt with as expediently as possible. This includes enhanced judicial case management and consideration of the content of pleadings and judgments.

The Committee will take due account of the different circumstances of the sheriff court and the Court of Session whilst maintaining, where possible, consistency of overall approach. The Committee will make recommendations to the Scottish Civil Justice Council as to the policy which should be adopted and where appropriate will promulgate draft rules for their consideration.

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