

ITEM 3.1: RULES REWRITE COMMITTEE REMIT AND MEMBERSHIP**Purpose**

1. To inform members of the Committee's remit [**Paper 3.1A**] and membership [**Paper 3.1B**], as approved at the SCJC meeting of 30 June 2014.

Background

2. The SCJC agreed that once the RRWG had delivered on its remit, that the Rules Rewrite Working Group's (RRWG) should be renamed the Rules Rewrite Committee, and that its remit and membership should be extended. It was further agreed, in light of the fact that it has been established to deliver a specific project (albeit a long term one), that its role and remit should be reviewed after a period of two years.

Discussion

3. The RRWG discussed the proposed remit and membership at its meeting of 01 May 2014, and sought clarification on some matters from the SCJC. The relevant extract from the SCJC's discussion at its meeting of 30 June 2014 is as follows.

*9. Ondine Tennant spoke to **Paper 3.2**, which, in light of discussions at the last Rules Rewrite Working Group meeting sought members' approval of a slightly revised remit for the Rules Rewrite Committee and asked the Council to clarify whether the Committee's remit to prepare 'miscellaneous' rules would extend to rules prepared outwith the Rules Rewrite Project. Approval of changes to the membership to reflect the revised remit was also sought.*

10. Members approved the revised remit, confirmed that it includes preparation of rules falling outwith the scope of the Rules Rewrite Project and agreed to the proposals for extending the membership. It was considered that the Access to Justice Committee's input would be helpful in preparing the rules to introduce summary sheriffs.

Recommendation

4. **Members are invited to note the remit and membership of the Committee as detailed in Papers 3.1A and 3.1B.**