

REMIT OF THE RULES REWRITE COMMITTEE

1) The Committee is to develop a statement of principle and purpose in the rules of the sheriff court and the Court of Session and prepare rules to address the following matters:

- a. the creation of a Sheriff Appeal Court,
- b. the introduction of summary sheriffs and Appeal Sheriffs,
- c. reform of judicial review proceedings, and
- d. a general model of case management.

The Committee will also consider any proposals for rules which do not otherwise fall within the remit of any other SCJC committee.

2) The Committee is to develop a framework for reviewing the new suites of rules prepared under the Rules Rewrite Project.

3) The Committee will, in due course, review ordinary proceedings in the Court of Session and the sheriff court and consider rules for the abolition of the distinction between ordinary and petition procedure in the Court of Session).

4) Each year, the Committee is to develop a rules rewrite programme to enable specific phases of rules to be prioritised and review the arrangements for instructing and drafting rules.

5) 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.

6) The Committee will have particular regard to the proposals in the Courts Reform (Sc) Bill, the recommendations of the Scottish Civil Courts Review and the recommendations of the Review of the Expenses and Funding of Civil Litigation in Scotland.