

ITEM 6.3: ICT COMMITTEE

Purpose

1. To seek the Council's approval of the proposed remit and membership of the Information Communications Technology (ICT) Committee.

Discussion

2. At its meeting on 10 June 2013 the SCJC agreed in principle that a Committee should be established in early course to give general consideration of how IT can be used more effectively within the courts, particularly in respect of the forthcoming civil court reforms. It is suggested that the Committee's remit will be broad enough to include proposals which had previously been put to the Sheriff Court Rules Council for e-transmission in summary cause and small claims cases and electronic signatures in civil proceedings.

Remit

3. The proposed remit of the ICT Committee is detailed at **Paper 6.3A**.

Membership

4. The Chair has recommended that the committee membership is as detailed in **Paper 6.3B**. The proposed membership is drawn from those that have expressed an interest in serving on such a committee and includes appropriate members of SCS staff so as to ensure that the Committee is able to assess what matters before it are operationally deliverable.
5. The use of IT will be imperative to the work of all committees going forward. However, the establishment of an IT committee to consider discrete projects and projects fundamental to the Rules Rewrite project should help ensure that these matters are not overlooked.
6. Should the Council agree to these proposals a letter will be issued to the proposed members of the committee advising them of the membership and remit of the committee and arranging a meeting in due course.

Recommendation

7. Members are invited to consider and approve the Committee's remit and membership.

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