

SUMMARY JUSTICE EVENTS - STRUCTURE

Moathouse, Glasgow (Tuesday 4th March)

10am-10.30 Arrival and coffee/tea

10.30-10.45 Introduction

 George Street Research
Sheriff Principal McInnes

10.45-11.45 3 X Discussion groups

11.45-12pm Coffee/tea

12 – 1pm 3 X Discussion groups


1pm-1.30pm Plenary session

 George Street Research Chairing
Reports from Workshops

1.30pm – 2.30pm Buffet lunch

SUMMARY JUSTICE EVENTS - STRUCTURE

Murrayfield, Edinburgh (Wednesday 5th March)

10am-10.30 Arrival and coffee/tea 

10.30am – 10.45 Introduction

 , George Street Research
Sheriff Principal McInnes

10.45am-11.45am 3 X Discussion groups

11.45-12pm Coffee/tea

12 – 1pm 3 X Discussion groups

1pm-1.30pm Plenary session

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Reports from Workshops

1.30pm – 2.30pm Buffet lunch

SUMMARY JUSTICE EVENTS - STRUCTURE

Ramada Jarvis Aberdeen (Wednesday 18th March)

11am-11.30 Arrival and coffee/tea

11.30-11.45 Introduction

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Sheriff Principal McInnes

11.45-12.45 3 X Discussion groups

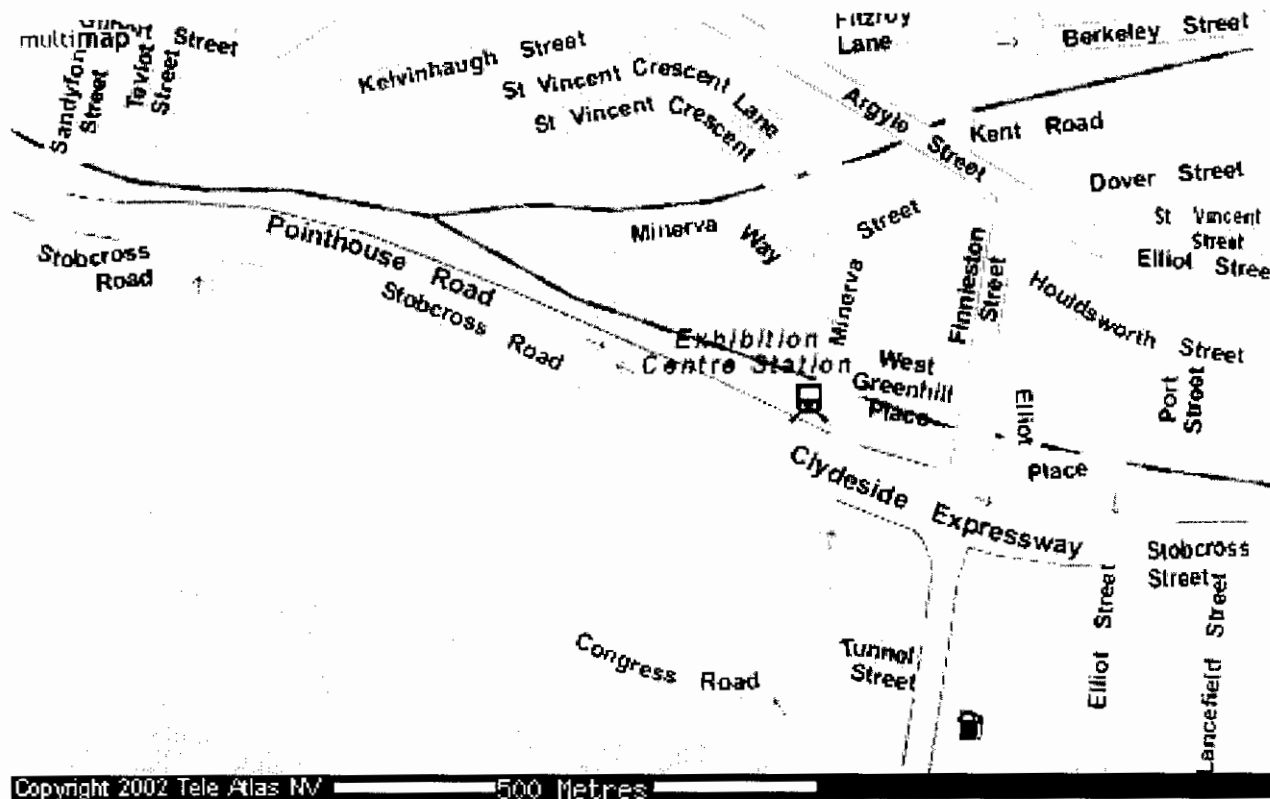
12.45-1.45pm Buffet lunch

1.45pm – 2.45pm 3 X Discussion groups

2.45pm-3pm Plenary session

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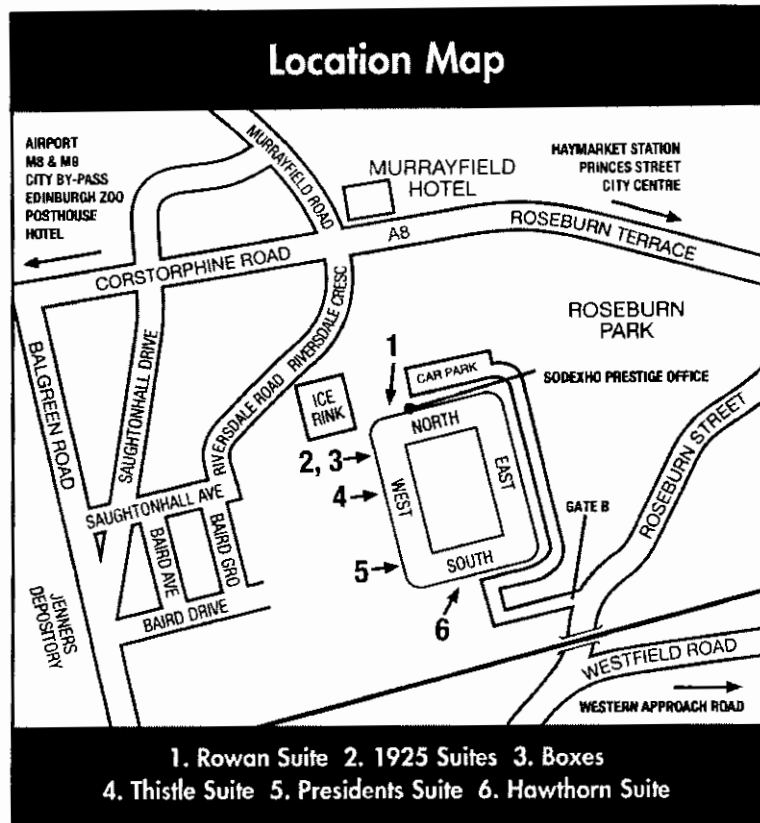
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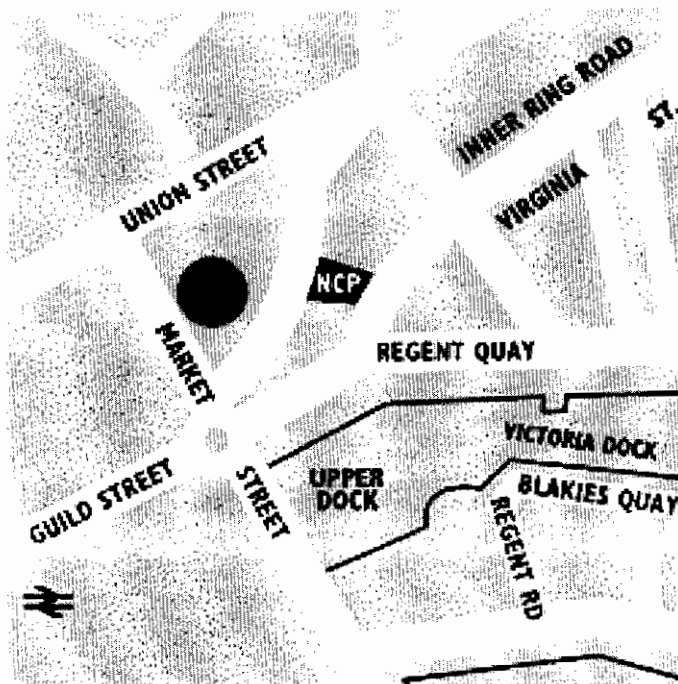
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By Rail

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Summary Justice in Scotland

REPLY REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

REPLY WITH WORKSHOP CHOICE TO: 
OR
FILL IN THIS REPLY FORM AND PLACE IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE

Please circle

I will be able to attend the 'Summary Justice in Scotland' event on the day in question.

I will not be able to attend the 'Summary Justice in Scotland' event on the day in question.

Name	
Address	
Daytime contact telephone number	
e-mail	
Date and location of the event you wish to attend:	

Workshop choice

Please indicate your choice of workshop

Please identify your preference in this column: 1= Most want to attend 7= Least want to attend	
	Workshop 1 Issues of delay
	Workshop 2 Focusing the issue
	Workshop 3 Encouraging Early Pleas
	Workshop 4 Trajectory/Throughput
	Workshop 5 Diversion from prosecution
	Workshop 6 Fine Management
	Workshop 7 Appeal Court

REVIEW OF SUMMARY JUSTICE – WORKSHOP TOPICS

(Background discussion document to follow)

You are free to choose which set of workshops you attend from the following 7 options. Please read through the following notes to inform your choice of workshops. Each participant will attend 2 workshops. The workshops will each last 1 hour.

1 Issues of delay

Statutory time limits and Targets

- a statutory time limit for the start of summary proceedings (from the date of crime or identification of an alleged offender)?
- a statutory time limit for the start of a summary trial (from the date of crime or identification of an alleged offender)?
- a statutory time limit between the case first calling and the trial commencing
- the circumstances in which extensions might be granted?
- whether performance targets rather than statutory time limits might be more appropriate?

Increased use of Undertakings

- the level of case serious enough to warrant inclusion in an extended bail undertaking scheme?
- offer of fiscal fine to include date of court hearing if offer not accepted?

2 Focusing the issue

Disclosure

- provision of a summary of evidence with service of the complaint to the accused?
- provision of full police and civilian witness statements to the defence in advance of the Intermediate Diet?
- Crown marking of witness lists to show which were expected to be cited?
- previous fiscal fines and other diversion being brought to the attention of the court?

Agreement of evidence

- the defence be required to demonstrate at the Intermediate Diet why, in the interests of justice, it is necessary for any particular witness whose evidence might be regarded as non-controversial to be present?

Improving effectiveness of Intermediate Diets

- the bench to be proactive in ensuring
 - appropriate disclosure to the defence
 - evidence of witnesses is necessary in the interests of justice

- the accused to have the opportunity to make a statement on the evidence made available to them?
- a statutory requirement for the fiscal and defence to meet prior to the ID?

Trial in absence

- trial in absence to be used in instances of non-appearance by accused ?
- factors that should be taken into account when deciding whether a cases should proceed in the absence of the accused?
- introduction of statutory provision similar to section 142 of the Magistrates' Court Act 1980?

3 Encouraging Early Pleas

Sentence Discounting

- should there be a formal discounting scheme or would current arrangements operated in a more transparent fashion be sufficient?
- should there be discounting between bands of sentence?

Legal Aid

- do current legal aid arrangements militate against an early plea of guilt?
- if so, what changes should be made?
- should the provision of legal aid be automatic?

Consistency of sentencing

- would a summary criminal appeal court be the best way of ensuring consistency of sentencing?

4 Trajectory/Throughput

Adjournment culture

- how to change attitudes to reduce the number of adjournments?
- the introduction of 'stand-down' SERs?
- if recent SER available, then new SER to be produced only if considered necessary by bench?

Prioritisation

- should certain categories of cases be prioritised?
- should there be more specific courts – e.g. domestic violence courts?

Persistent Offenders/Multiple charges

- how to roll-up or consolidate multiple charges across types and location of courts?
- how to manage potential impact on witness who may be required to travel to give evidence?

Case Loading/Court Hours

- should court days be extended?
- is there a case for evening courts?

5 Diversion from prosecution

Fiscal fines

- scope for increasing levels of fiscal fine?
- previous fiscal fines to be citable in subsequent trials?
- consequences of not accepting fiscal fine to be clarified in offer letter for benefit of accused?

Fiscal compensation orders

- scope for introduction of fiscal compensation order?

Other diversion schemes

- scope for further use?
- further use of police fixed penalties?

6 Fine Management

Imposition

- to what extent should there be a link between court imposed fines and an offender's means?

Collection

- scope for enhancing payment opportunities
 - credit/debit cards
 - PayPoint
 - Internet
 - local authority outlets

Enforcement

- central enforcement agency?
- penalties/sanctions for non-payment
 - late payment surcharge/enforcement fee
 - loss of privileges e.g. suspension of driving licence
 - use of tagging/SAOs

7 **Appeal Court**

New summary appeal court

- judges?
- location(s)?
- appeals against sentence only or sentence and conviction?