SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

14th Meeting, 2002 (Session 1)

Wednesday 4 September 2002

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 3.

1. **Items in private:** The Committee will consider whether to take item 3 on licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation in private.

2. **Work Programme:** The Committee will consider its future work programme.

3. **Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation:** The Committee will consider a draft response to the Scottish Executive consultation on changes to exemptions to the licensing scheme.

4. **Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

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The following papers relate to the meeting:

**Agenda Item 2**

SJ/02/14/2 - Paper by the Clerk

**Agenda Item 3**

SJ/02/14/3(P) - Paper by the Clerk

**Agenda Item 4**

SJ/02/14/4 (P) - Paper by the Clerk
Social Justice Committee

Autumn Work Programme

1. The Social Justice Committee is likely to have a busy work programme this Autumn. In addition to its consideration of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Bill it is likely that the Committee will be designated lead committee in consideration of the general principles of the Scottish Executive Bill on homelessness which is scheduled to be introduced in mid-September.

2. As noted in paper SJ/02/8/3 the Debt Bill must complete the Parliament’s 3 stage process by around 21/22 November 2002. The Committee has already agreed a timetable for completion of its Stage 1 report. If the Parliament agrees the general principles of the Debt Arrangement Bill, Stage 2 is likely to begin at the Committee’s meeting on 2 October 2002.

3. The timetable for the Homelessness Bill has still to be advised, but it is likely that it will be introduced in mid-September. If this is the case, the Committee would probably wish to consider taking oral evidence to inform its Stage 1 report at meetings during October and November.

4. Other outstanding issues which the Committee may wish to consider during this term will include: Housing Research Stages 2 and 3, conclusions of the Inquiry into Social Inclusion and Community Engagement, Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Petition PE396. It is also likely that there will be a substantial amount of subordinate legislation to consider.

5. The Committee is invited to agree its provisional work programme and to agree to meet weekly until Christmas recess.

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