



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

8th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 7 March 2017

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2).

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will receive a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 23 February 2017.
3. **Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill - witness expenses:** The Committee will be invited to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses on the Bill.
4. **Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 - Charlotte Vitty, Interim Chief Executive, British Transport Police Authority;
 - Chief Constable Paul Crowther, British Transport Police UK;
 - Assistant Chief Constable Bernard Higgins, Operations and Justice, Police Scotland;
 - John Foley, Chief Executive, Scottish Police Authority.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
6. **Inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda item 2

Paper by the clerk - Justice Sub-Committee on Policing J/S5/17/8/1

Agenda item 4

Paper by the clerk - Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill J/S5/17/8/2

Private paper - Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill J/S5/17/8/3 (P)

[Railway Policing \(Scotland\) Bill and accompanying documents](#)

[SPICe Briefing SB 17-13: Railway Policing \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

[Written submission from the British Transport Police Authority](#)

[Written submission from British Transport Police UK](#)

[Written submission from Police Scotland](#)

Agenda item 5

Private paper - Work programme J/S5/17/8/4 (P)

Agenda item 6

Private paper - Inquiry into COPFS J/S5/17/8/5 (P)

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Feedback from the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Note by the clerk

Introduction

1. The Justice Committee agreed at its meeting of 13 December 2016 that a paper should accompany any future agenda item on the feedback from the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing.
2. The Justice Sub-Committee on Policing met on 23 February 2017 to take evidence from Derek Penman, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland, on the [Independent Assurance Review Police Scotland – Call Handling Update Report](#).
3. The next meeting of the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing is scheduled for Thursday 16 March 2017, when it will take evidence from the Auditor General for Scotland on Audit Scotland's 2015-16 audit report.

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Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill

Note by the clerk

Introduction

1. The Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill¹ was introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 8 December 2016. The Parliamentary Bureau designated the Justice Committee as lead committee for Stage 1 scrutiny, on 13 December 2016.
2. The Committee agreed its approach to scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 on Tuesday 21 December 2016, and published a call for evidence.
3. The Committee received 45 responses to the call for evidence and two supplementary submissions. They are published on the Committee's [website](#).
4. On 7 February 2017 the Committee considered evidence received and agreed a timetable and witnesses for oral evidence taking. On 28 February the Committee further considered and agreed witnesses to invite to provide oral evidence on the Bill at Stage 1.

Committee consideration

5. At its meeting on 7 March 2017 the Committee will take evidence from organisations who currently have responsibility for railway policing and who will have responsibility should the Bill be passed. This comprises the British Transport Police, the British Transport Police Authority (BTPA), the Scottish Police Authority and Police Scotland.

¹ <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/102502.aspx>