REMIT OF ICT COMMITTEE

1. The Committee's remit shall be to consider, in light of the recommendations in the Report of the Scottish Civil Courts Review and the current proposals for civil court reform affecting the management and conduct of business in the Scottish civil courts, how ICT can be used more effectively within the Scottish civil courts to ensure that business can be dealt with as expediently as possible, and in particular:

a) what ICT solutions are required to support the implementation of proposed rules of court arising out of the proposed civil court reforms;

b) how best to co-ordinate the introduction of proposed ICT systems with existing technologies; and

c) how best to ensure that ICT systems are sufficiently flexible to accommodate continuing revisions to court rules and procedure in the longer term.

2. The Committee will have regard to initiatives underway in relation to the use of ICT within the justice system with implications for the civil courts.

3. The Committee will take due account of the different circumstances of the sheriff court and the Court of Session whilst seeking to achieve, where possible, consistency of overall approach.

4. The Committee will make recommendations to the Scottish Civil Justice Council as to the policies and arrangements which should be adopted and where appropriate will provide draft rules for its consideration.