

**ITEM 6.1: OTHER COMMITTEES, COUNCILS AND WORKING GROUPS****Purpose**

1. To provide members with information on existing committees, councils and working groups operating outwith the auspices of the Council (hereinafter referred to as 'other groups').

**Discussion***Other groups*

2. The Council has established two committees (the Family Law Committee and Personal Injury Committee) and one working group (Rules Rewrite Working Group). Proposals are before the Council for the establishment of two further committees (Access to Justice and ICT). It is also due to give consideration to the need for a Costs and Funding Committee following in light of the recommendations of Sheriff Principal Taylor's Review.
3. There are currently around 10 other groups whose remits may overlap with, or be of relevance to, the work being carried out (or proposed to be carried out) by the Council and its related committees. The remits and memberships of these other groups are noted in **Paper 6.1A**.
4. There will clearly be matters being taken forward by these other groups of which the Council currently has no sight. The Secretariat will continue to work on further mapping out the other groups that are in operation, with a view to establishing links to their work where appropriate, and monitoring the potential for duplication of work. The Secretariat will provide further advice to the Council on this matter in due course.
5. The Secretariat will provide such further advice on any of the groups detailed as may be requested by members.

**Recommendation**

6. That members note the remit and membership of the groups detailed in **Paper 6.1A**, and that the Secretariat will provide further information to the Council in due course.

Scottish Civil Justice Council – Secretariat

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