



Coronavirus

Guidance in respect of Summary Criminal Business – Refixing Diets

No. 3 of 2020

In relation to the following categories of summary criminal business calling in the week commencing Monday 30 March 2020, certain diets have been assigned for days which are no longer suitable to the court, namely:

1. All cases calling in the diet courts;
2. All cases calling in the intermediate diet courts (excepting those where the accused is in custody); and
3. All cases calling in the summary trials courts (excepting those where the accused is in custody);

In accordance with the power set out in section 137ZB of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (“the 1995 Act”), the court, of its own accord, proposes to discharge the said diets assigned for the week commencing Monday 30 March 2020 and to fix new diets as follows:

1. In respect of all cases calling in the diet courts, a new diet will be fixed for the same day in the week commencing Monday 17 August 2020;
2. In respect of all cases calling in the intermediate diet courts (excepting those where the accused is in custody), a new intermediate diet will be assigned for the same day in the week commencing Monday 17 August 2020; the trial diet will also be discharged and a new trial diet will be fixed for the same day in the week commencing Monday 14 September 2020; and
3. In respect of all cases calling in the summary trials courts (excepting those where the accused is in custody), a new trial diet will be fixed for the same day in the week commencing Monday 17 August 2020

The court shall proceed as outlined above unless parties wish the opportunity to be heard. In terms of section 137ZB(2) of the 1995 Act, any party who wishes to be heard in relation to a case shall intimate that position to the court (and to the other party or parties to the prosecution) by no later than 12 noon on Thursday 26 March 2020, in which case the court will hear parties at 10 am on Friday 27 March 2020 within Glasgow Sheriff Court.

NOTES

1. The foregoing applies to non-domestic; domestic and Justice of the Peace Court summary criminal business.
2. All summary custody courts and remand courts will continue as programmed.

EXAMPLES

1. An applicable case which is due to call in the diet court on Thursday 2 April 2020 would now call in the diet court of Thursday 20 August 2020.
2. An applicable case which is due to call in the intermediate diet court on Wednesday 1 April 2020 would now call for an intermediate diet on Wednesday 19 August 2020; and a trial diet on Wednesday 16 September 2020.
3. An applicable case which is due to call for a summary trial on Monday 23 March 2020 would now call for trial on Monday 17 August 2020.

Sheriff Principal C.D.Turnbull

23 March 2020