



ORDER OF COURT

No. 1 of 2024

RETURN OF SOLEMN HEARINGS TO SHERIFF COURT BUILDINGS

This order sets out arrangements for the management of solemn criminal business in the Sheriffdom of Grampian Highland & Islands with effect from 13 February 2024. All references in this Order to a Sheriff Court shall be construed as a reference to the relevant Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court.

Part I – Revoking Previous Orders

Pursuant to the powers vested in me in terms of Section 83ZA of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, I hereby order that:

Part 4 of Order No 4 of 2020 dated 27 October 2020 relating to proceedings on Indictment due to call at Wick Sheriff Court is revoked.

Parts 2 and 3 of Order of Court No. 3 of 2023 dated 18 July 2023 are revoked.

Part II – Solemn Hub Courts

From 13 February 2024 the Sheriff Courts specified in Column A will operate as Sheriff and Jury Hub Courts for the court areas specified in Column B. Proceedings which do not originate from the court specified in Column A may be transferred from the court specified in column B by way of application in terms of Section 83 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.

| Column A | Column B |
|-------------------------|--|
| Aberdeen Sheriff Court | Aberdeen Sheriff Court Banff Sheriff Court Peterhead Sheriff Court |
| Inverness Sheriff Court | Elgin Sheriff Court Fort William Sheriff Court Inverness Sheriff Court Tain Sheriff Court |
| Peterhead Sheriff Court | Aberdeen Sheriff Court Peterhead Sheriff Court |

Part III – Return of Solemn Hearings to Sheriff Court Buildings

Solemn proceedings which were transferred to the court specified in Column A may now be heard in the court specified in Column B. Solemn proceedings may be adjourned to a diet at the court specified in Column B when the case next calls at the court specified in Column A or to such other diet that may be fixed by the court in terms of Section 75C or as the case may be Section 75A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.

| Column A | Column B |
|-------------------------|---|
| Aberdeen Sheriff Court | Lerwick Sheriff Court Peterhead Sheriff Court |
| Inverness Sheriff Court | Kirkwall Sheriff Court Lochmaddy Sheriff Court Portree Sheriff Court Stornoway Sheriff Court Wick Sheriff Court |
| Peterhead Sheriff Court | Lerwick Sheriff Court |



DCW Pyle

Sheriff Principal

12 February 2024