

**Sheriffdom of Grampian, Highland and Islands**

**Coronavirus**

**Guidance in respect of Summary Criminal Business**

**No 1 of 2020**

[1] This Guidance applies to all summary criminal business (**excluding cases in which the accused is in custody**) in all the Sheriff Courts and Justice of the Peace Courts in the Sheriffdom.

[2] Subject to the exception below, all **diet courts** will be adjourned to a later date post 1 August 2020. All cases which have been **continued without plea** will be continued for a period of four weeks until further notice.

[3] All **intermediate diet courts** will be adjourned to a later date post 1 August 2020.

[4] In all **remand cases**, sentence will be deferred for a period of eight weeks until further notice.

[5] All **trials** will be adjourned to a later date post 1 August 2020, with an intermediate diet being fixed up to four weeks prior to the date fixed for trial.

[6] This guidance takes effect from 26 March 2020.

“D C W Pyle”

Sheriff Principal

25 March 2020