

**Sheriffdom of North Strathclyde**

**Coronavirus**

**Guidance in respect of Criminal Business**

**No. [5] of 2020**

1. In light of the introduction by Scottish Government of Phase 1 of the gradual easing of the restrictions due to Coronavirus (Covid-19), the following order will apply for summary criminal business in the Sheriffdom of North Strathclyde.
2. The guidance number 2 of 2020 dated 8 April 2020 ordered that from 10 April all non-custody summary cases, except cases calling in the cited court, be discharged administratively in terms of section 137ZB of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, to a date at least 12 weeks after the date on which the case was due to call. This guidance no 5 of 2020 dated 1 June 2020 applies to those cases discharged by guidance number 2 of 2020 in which intermediate diets and trial diets had been fixed prior to 25 March and assigned dates to take place after 14 June 2020.
3. In light of the easing of lockdown arrangements, the re-fixed dates for intermediate diets and trial diets in the cases to which reference is made in paragraph 2 of this guidance are no longer suitable to the court. Accordingly the diets so fixed are discharged administratively in terms of section 137ZB of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, and are re-fixed by virtue of this order to call as an intermediate diet or trial diet, as the case may be, on the date originally fixed prior to 25 March 2020.
4. Attention is drawn to the terms of the Lord Justice General's Practice Note of 1 June 2020 which shall apply to these intermediate diets. At least seven days prior to the date of the intermediate diet court sheet will be published confirming the cases which will call.
5. This Order comes in to force on 1 June 2020.

**D L Murray WS**

**Sheriff Principal**

**1 June 2020**