



## **Coronavirus**

### **SHERIFFDOM OF TAYSIDE, CENTRAL AND FIFE**

#### **Order of Court No 6 of 2021**

#### **in respect of Summary Sheriff Court Criminal Business – Refixing Diets**

In relation to the following category of summary criminal business calling in the weeks specified in column A of the Schedules to this guidance, certain diets have been assigned for days which are no longer suitable to the court, namely:

Cases calling in the cited courts

In accordance with the power set out in section 137ZB of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (“the 1995 Act”), the court will, of its own accord, discharge the said diets assigned for the dates specified in column A of Schedule 1 and a new diet will be fixed for the weeks set out in column B of the same row in Schedule 1.

The Sheriff Clerk will intimate to parties the new date fixed in terms of section 137ZB forthwith.

Where letter pleas have been tendered the court in accordance with the powers set out in section 137ZB of the 1995 Act will, of its own accord, (i) fix a diet to allow such cases to call for the purpose of sentencing or further procedure or (ii) fix an intermediate diet, a pre-intermediate diet meeting, and a trial diet, as appropriate.

Local guidance will be intimated for the processing of letter pleas in each of the Courts in the Sheriffdom.

**Sheriff Principal MW Lewis**

**29 March 2021**

**SCHEDULE 1**

**CITED COURTS**

**DATES APPLICABLE TO ALL TAYSIDE, CENTRAL AND FIFE COURTS**

COLUMN A	COLUMN B w/c or any other suitable week thereafter
w/c 5 April 2021	w/c 24 May 2021
w/c 12 April 2021	w/c 31 May 2021