

COP26 Court Programming

Solemn:

There will be no solemn trials scheduled between 1 and 12 November 2021. Contingency plans are in place to accommodate any jury trials that may spill from the previous week (w/c 25 October).

First diet courts will continue throughout the conference period.

A solemn remand court will take place each day throughout the conference period to dispose of any deferred indictments – this will be in court 4 for efficient access to and from the cell area.

Summary (Sheriff):

There will be no summary trials scheduled between 25 October and 12 November. Custody trials fixed between 15 September and 5 October will be allocated trial diets prior to 25 October.

Trials already assigned for the period 25 to 29 October will be reassigned by refixing order.

All procedural and problem-solving courts will continue throughout the conference period.

Summary (JP):

There will be no summary trials scheduled between 25 October and 12 November.

Trials already assigned for the period 25 to 29 October will be reassigned by refixing order.

All procedural courts will continue throughout the conference period.

Any deferred business allocated to call on a date during the conference period on which there are no JP courts scheduled will be allocated to a summary sheriff for disposal.

Custodies:

From 30 October to 14 November, custody courts will be programmed each day including weekends.

Plans are in place to run up to 4 summary custody courts (in courts 1, 6, 7 and 8) and a petition court (court 3) each day. The precise number of custody courts will be determined on a day to day basis (it is presently anticipated that no fewer than three courts will sit each week day; and no fewer than two courts will sit each day at the weekends)

Undertakings:

The undertakings courts will continue throughout the conference period in court 1.

Additional COP26-specific undertakings courts will take place from 8 to 19 November (with the exception of Thursday, 18 November). Loadings will be 50 per day (30 in the morning and 20 in the afternoon). Between 8 and 12 November, court 5 will be used for COP26 undertakings; between 15 and 19 November (excluding 18 November) court 1B will be used.

Civil:

All civil courts will continue as normal and additional civil courts have been programmed each day throughout the conference period.

General:

All custody and COP26-specific courts will take place in basement or ground floor courtrooms.

Insofar as possible, all BAU criminal courts will take place in the courtrooms on the second floor, East Wing (with some exceptions)

Insofar as possible, all civil courts will take place in the courtrooms on the second floor, West Wing.