

## ORDER OF COURT

No. 3 of 2023

### TRANSFER OF KIRKWALL, LERWICK, LOCHMADDY, PORTTREE AND STORNOWAY SOLEMN HEARINGS

This order sets out arrangements for the management of solemn criminal business in the Sheriffdom of Grampian Highland & Islands with effect from 18 July 2023 until further order. 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. This order is made in terms of the powers vested in me in terms of section 83ZA of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

I hereby order as follows:-

1. The revocation of Parts II and III of Order of Court No. 2 of 2023.
2. The transfer to Aberdeen Sheriff Court or Peterhead Sheriff Court of all proceedings on Indictment at Lerwick Sheriff Court under the exception of –

First diets and continued first diets;

Diets of deferred sentence fixed in Lerwick Sheriff Court;

Proceedings for the review of or breach of community payback orders imposed in Lerwick Sheriff Court;

Proceedings for the review of or breach of drug treatment and testing orders imposed in Lerwick Sheriff Court, and

Trial diets appointed for 25 September 2023 and 20 November 2023.

3. The transfer to Inverness Sheriff Court of all proceedings on Indictment at Kirkwall Sheriff Court, Lochmaddy Sheriff Court, Portree Sheriff Court and Stornoway Sheriff Court but under the exception of –

First diets and continued first diets;

Diets of deferred sentence fixed in Kirkwall Sheriff Court, Lochmaddy Sheriff Court, Portree Sheriff Court or Stornoway Sheriff Court;

Proceedings for the review of or breach of community payback orders imposed in those courts;

Proceedings for the review of or breach of drug treatment and testing orders imposed in those courts, and

Trial diets appointed at Stornoway Sheriff Court for 24 July 2023, 22 August 2023, 13 November 2023 and 11 December 2023.

4. The re-fixing of the Trial diets currently appointed at Lochmaddy Sheriff Court for 25 September 2023 and Portree Sheriff Court for 28 August 2023 and 20 November 2023 to a Trial diet at Inverness Sheriff Court on a date to be advised by the Sheriff Clerk.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D C W Pyle', written in a cursive style.

**D C W Pyle**

**Sheriff Principal**

**18 July 2023**