

## **Scottish National Action Plan on Human Rights (SNAP) Process**

### **Meeting between John Finnie MSP, Justice Committee Rapporteur (JF) and Professor Alan Miller, Chair of the SNAP Leadership Panel (AM)**

**18 June 2014**

#### **Note of meeting**

John Finnie, the Justice Committee Rapporteur the SNAP process met Professor Alan Miller, the Chair of the SNAP Leadership Panel on 18 June 2014. The following points were raised during the meeting—

- AM welcomed the appointment of JF as Justice Committee rapporteur, believing this to be a positive step.
- AM advised that the SNAP Leadership Panel will meet on 7 October 2014, where it will consider a draft annual report. AM and JF agreed to meet again after the Panel meeting.
- It was noted that JF would report back to the Committee in August.
- It was noted that that SNAP Leadership Panel will meet on 7 October and will consider a draft annual report. JF and AM agreed to hold another meeting shortly after that.
- It was noted that the SNAP annual report is likely to be published by the end of October.
- AM advised that there would be a suite of activities in the lead up to 10 December (International Human Rights Day), including the Committee' human rights debate.
- It was noted that, in advance of the debate, the Committee may find an informal briefing from SHRC on international treaty obligations to be helpful, and that there may be merit in inviting the sub-committee and other committees along to such a briefing.
- AM provided an outline of the SNAP Action Plan (5 action groups measuring outcomes from public bodies and putting in plans for implementation).
- AM noted good progress made and that, internationally, Scotland was viewed as developing leading practice in respect of human rights.
- There was discussion around existing areas of work where the Committee and the sub-committee may wish to consider incorporating human rights into its existing work. Examples provided were:
  - stop and search;
  - arming of officers;

- women offenders;
  - Possible time-bar issue in the Damages Bill in respect of historic child abuse allegations;
  - consideration of the proposed Apologies (Scotland) Bill should that bill be referred to the Justice Committee.
- AM noted that Police Scotland has made a high-level commitment to SNAP, and is putting together a reference group on stop and search. SNAP is involved in responding to that.
- It was agreed to informally advise the clerks to the Equal Opportunities Committee of the SNAP process, and the relevant timescales, to help inform any follow up work on its Where Gypsy/Travellers Live inquiry.

**Justice Committee**  
**22 July 2014**