

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE RULE COMMITTEE
MEETING ON FRIDAY 20th MARCH, 2026 at 1.30 p.m.
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
CONFERENCE ROOMS 1A & B, LOWER GROUND FLOOR
102 PETTY FRANCE, LONDON SW1
and by video conference
AGENDA

1. Welcome, apologies for absence and announcements
2. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 6th February, 2026
3. Case management group report
4. Parts 2, 3, 8, 9, 24 and 25 (Powers and duties of court officers and justices' legal advisers; Case management; Initial details of the prosecution case; Allocation and sending for trial; Trial and sentence in a magistrates' court; Trial and sentence in the Crown Court): Independent Review of the Criminal Courts Part II – introduction
CrimPRC(26)18
CrimPRC(25)53
5. Part 2 (Powers and duties of court officers and justices' legal advisers): Independent Review of the Criminal Courts Part II, recommendation 101
CrimPRC(26)19
6. Parts 3, 9, 24 and 25 (Case management; Allocation and sending for trial; Trial and sentence in a magistrates' court; Trial and sentence in the Crown Court): Independent Review of the Criminal Courts Part II, recommendation 98
CrimPRC(26)20
CrimPRC(10)44
CrimPRC(14)06
CrimPRC(23)56
7. Part 3 (Case management): Independent Review of the Criminal Courts Part II, recommendation 107
CrimPRC(26)21
8. Part 8 (Initial details of the prosecution case): Independent Review of the Criminal Courts Part II, recommendation 85
CrimPRC(26)22
9. Parts 2, 3, 8, 9, 24 and 25 (Powers and duties of court officers and justices' legal advisers; Case management; Initial details of the prosecution case; Allocation and sending for trial; Trial and sentence in a magistrates' court; Trial and sentence in the Crown Court): Independent Review of the Criminal Courts Part II, miscellaneous recommendations
CrimPRC(26)23
10. Parts 3, 24 and 25 (Case management; Trial and sentence in a magistrates' court; Trial and sentence in the Crown Court): consolidated trial preparation guidance
CrimPRC(26)24

Continues

- 11. Part 3 (Case management): independent stalking advocate as adviser and companion – terminology** **CrimPRC(26)25**
- 12. Courts and Tribunals Bill – introduction** **CrimPRC(26)26**
- 13. Parts 3 and 25 (Case management; Trial and sentence in the Crown Court): Courts and Tribunals Bill amendments – trial without a jury** **CrimPRC(26)27**
- 14. Part 34 (Appeal to the Crown Court): Courts and Tribunals Bill amendments – abolition of appeal by rehearing** **CrimPRC(26)28**
- 15. Any other business**
- 16. Dates of next meetings: Friday 1st May, 2026**
Friday 12th June, 2026 (rule-signing meeting)