

Scottish Human Rights Commission – Note by the Clerk

Introduction

1. The Scottish Human Rights Commission (SHRC) is Scotland's National Human Rights Institution. It is independent of the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government.
2. It was set up under the [Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006](#) (as amended). The SHRC is accountable to the people of Scotland through the Scottish Parliament and is accredited as an A-Status National Human Rights Institution within the United Nations (UN) human rights system
3. The SHRC has a general duty to:
 - Promote human rights by raising awareness and understanding; and
 - Encourage best practice in relation to human rights
4. At this meeting, the Committee will hear from the Scottish Human Rights Commission on its [Annual Report 2024-25](#).

Participants

5. The Committee will hear from—
 - **Professor Angela O'Hagan**, Chair, and
 - **Jan Savage**, Executive Director.

Topics

6. This session will be an opportunity to discuss such topics as—
 - Strategic objectives and impact
 - Findings of Spotlight projects
 - Human Rights bill and human rights framework
 - Governance and organisational development
 - Ambitions for the next parliamentary session

Next steps

7. The Committee will consider the evidence it has heard at today's session in private and agree on next steps.