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SCOTTISH LAW COMMISSION PUBLISHES ELEVENTH PROGRAMME OF LAW REFORM

The Scottish Law Commission has today published its Eleventh Programme of Law Reform. The Programme will form the basis for most of the Commission's work for the five year period from 2023 to 2027. The Programme has been approved by Scottish Ministers and laid before the Scottish Parliament.

The Programme was prepared following consultation with a wide range of stakeholders across Scottish civic society.

As well as including four new areas of work, on executry law, the law of limitation, the rules on execution of documents, and the consolidation of nature conservation legislation, the Eleventh Programme incorporates ongoing work from the Commission's previous Programme. This comprises projects on heritable securities, aspects of leases, homicide, aspects of family law and damages for personal injury. In addition, during the Tenth Programme we received a reference on tenement law, relating to the establishment of compulsory owners' associations; that work, which has already begun, will be carried forward too into the new Programme.

The Commission also carries out joint law reform work with other law reform bodies such as the Law Commission of England and Wales. The Programme contains one such project, on surrogacy law, which was completed in March of this year.

Lady Paton, the Commission's Chair said:

"I am very pleased to introduce the Scottish Law Commission's Eleventh Programme of Law Reform. It contains projects on a broad range of areas of civil and criminal law which touch the lives of many people in Scotland. Some of our existing work will continue into the new Programme, and this includes projects on homicide, aspects of family law, compulsory owners' associations in tenements, damages for personal injury, heritable securities, and aspects of leases. In addition, we propose to embark on new projects on the law of limitation, on executries, on the execution of documents, as well as a consolidation of nature conservation legislation. I believe that the Programme is well-balanced and will be beneficial both to individuals and businesses and to Scottish society in general."

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Scottish Law Commission was set up in 1965 to promote the reform of the law of Scotland. The Chair is the Rt Hon Lady Paton, a Court of Session judge. The other Commissioners are David Bartos, Professor Gillian Black, Kate Dowdalls KC and Professor Frankie McCarthy. The interim Chief Executive is Charles Garland.
2. Further information can be obtained by contacting Charles Garland, Scottish Law Commission, 140 Causewayside, Edinburgh EH9 1PR (Tel: 0131 668 2131; email info@scotlawcom.gov.uk).
3. The paper will be available on our website at <https://www.scotlawcom.gov.uk> from 10:30 on 31 May 2023.