

**Advisory Committee on Administrative Justice and Tribunals
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Proposed Remit

- to promote the interests of system users and champion an administrative justice system that is accessible, responsive and has users` needs at the centre
- to focus on engaging with decision makers to improve rules, procedures and the complaints handling processes within the administrative justice system
- to encourage better decision making within the administrative justice system with the emphasis on getting the decision right first time to support early and appropriate dispute resolution
- to build networks and encourage the sharing of good practice amongst practitioners
- to provide scrutiny of the whole of the administrative justice system in devolved areas, including the development of the proposals to merge the Scottish Tribunals Service and the Scottish Court Service and the new structure following the Tribunals Bill
- to advise Ministers on the development of the Strategy for Administrative Justice and the future direction and priorities of the strategy
- to engage across Government and identify to Ministers any policy and practice issues affecting the administrative justice system in devolved areas which may require Government attention
- to monitor developments in reserved areas of administrative justice and tribunals pre and post referendum that affect citizens in Scotland
- to recommend how the functions of the committee should be carried out in the longer term