

Advisory Committee on Administrative Justice and Tribunals

Remit

- to promote the interests of system users and champion an administrative justice and tribunals 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 and tribunals system
- to encourage better decision making within the administrative justice and tribunals system with the emphasis on getting the decision right first time to support early and appropriate dispute resolution
- to encourage the building of networks and the sharing of good practice amongst practitioners
- to provide scrutiny of the whole of the administrative justice and tribunals system in devolved areas, including the development of the proposals to merge the Scottish Tribunals Service and the Scottish Court Service, the new structure following the Tribunals Bill, and any relevant developments within the wider civil justice system in devolved areas
- to monitor developments in reserved areas of administrative justice and tribunals pre and post referendum that affect citizens in Scotland
- 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 and tribunals system in devolved areas which may require Government attention
- to recommend how the functions of the committee should be carried out in the longer term

In its work, the Committee will adopt the definition of Administrative Justice as set out in the Tribunals Courts and Enforcement Act 2007:

“the overall system by which decisions of an administrative or executive nature are made in relation to particular persons including:

- *the procedures for making such decisions*
- *the law under which such decisions are made and*
- *the systems for resolving disputes and airing grievances in relation to such decisions”*