CHECKLIST

Before You Enter a Guilty Plea

- [ ] Read the charge sheet and understand what each offence alleges
- [ ] Obtain legal advice on the strength of the prosecution case
- [ ] Ask for a realistic assessment of the likely sentence
- [ ] Discuss whether a basis of plea is needed
- [ ] Weigh the sentencing discount against the value of a trial
- [ ] Consider the impact on witnesses and your own circumstances
- [ ] Confirm you understand the consequences of a conviction