

Minute of Meeting of the Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board held within Hillside House, Stirling on Friday 8 December 2017 at 9.30 a.m.

Councillors:

David Alexander
David Balfour (Convener)
Lorna Binnie
Douglas Dodds
David Grant
Craig Holden
Bill Mason
Jim Thomson

Officers:

Ashley MacGregor, Assistant to the Treasurer
Brian Pirie, Assistant to the Clerk
Peter Wildman, Assessor and Electoral
Registration Officer

VJB22. Apologies

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Earle, McDonald and Patrick.

VJB23. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

VJB24. Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 29 September 2017 was approved.

VJB25. Interim Valuation Performance Report

The Board considered a report by the Assessor presenting service performance information for the period 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017.

The service performances as measured by performance indicators for valuation roll work and for valuation list work were set out.

In regard to valuation roll work, which measures the period taken to change the valuation roll, 610 changes were made during the period, excluding 532 new shooting rights entries - of these 81% were amended within 3 months, 98% within 6 months and 2% took longer – against targets of 75%, 90% and 10% respectively.

In regard to the valuation list work, the time taken to add houses to the valuation list, 519 new entries were registered in the period, with 92% added within 3 months, 100% added within 6 months and 0% took longer – as against targets of 97%; 99% and 1% respectively.

Decision

The Board noted the continuing commitment to Best Value.

VJB26. Revenue Budget 2017/18 – Review as at 31 October 2017

The Board considered a report by the Treasurer setting out the Revenue Budget position as at 31 October 2017.

As of 29 September 2017, an underspend of £106k was projected for the 2017/18 budget. The report set out the main movements within the budget. These were:-

- property related expenditure;
- reduced employee costs; and
- funding, from the Cabinet office.

The Assessor provided detail, following questions, on the movements in regard to employee costs. He also explained why there was a saving of £1700 relating to the cancellation of a contract for a scanner.

Decision

The Board noted the report.

VJB27. Revaluation Appeals Report 2017

The Board considered a report by the Assessor setting out the revaluation appeals process.

A total of 10 appeals were scheduled to be heard by the Valuation Appeal Panel in 2018. All appeals must be heard by December 2020.

Following questions, the Assessor explained the implications of the hearings schedule, and the number of appeals, on staffing. The deadline for making an appeal was 30 September 2017, with 4500 made compared with 3800 in 2010.

Decision

The Board noted the report.

VJB28. Programme of Meetings 2018

The Board considered a report by the Clerk setting out proposed meeting dates for 2018.

Decision

The Board:-

- (1) approved the dates of Friday 2 February; Friday 29 June; Friday 28 September and Friday 16 November 2018 for ordinary meetings of the Board; and**
- (2) noted that special meetings may be convened as necessary outwith the planned timetable.**