

Lothian Valuation Joint Board

Edinburgh, 7 September 2009

Present: -

City of Edinburgh Council – Councillors McIvor (Convener), Buchan, Burns, Dundas (substituting for Councillor Wheeler), Edie, Perry, Rust and Thomas (substituting for Councillor Gordon Mackenzie).

East Lothian Council – Councillors Bell and Knox.

Midlothian Council – Councillor Beattie (Vice Convener).

1 Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Lothian Valuation Joint Board of 26 June 2009 as a correct record.

2 Financial Statement 2009/10

A summary was provided of the revenue position for the period ending 31 July 2009, together with projections of likely expenditure to the year end.

Performance at the four month stage showed a net underspend of £43,000, 2.1% below the net approved budget.

The projected outturn indicated a potential net expenditure of £6,344,000 which would result in a net projected underspend of £84,000.

Decision

To note the financial statement for the four month period to 31 July 2009 and the year end projections.

(Reference – report by the Treasurer 24 August 2009, submitted)

3 Quarterly Progress Report to the Joint Board

The Board considered a progress report by the Assessor updating members on the service overview and priorities, current issues and the future direction of the Joint Board.

The 2009 canvass had commenced on 19 August 2009. 356,518 forms had been provided to Royal Mail for delivery and 28,995 forms retained for door to door canvassing.

The 2010 property revaluation process had also been undertaken and completed within the specified timescale.

Decision

- 1) To note the quarterly progress report.
- 2) To congratulate the Assessor and her staff team on their professionalism and commitment in achieving key targets.

(Reference – report by the Assessor 7 September 2009, submitted)

4 Annual Efficiency Statement 2008/09

The Scottish Government had required the public sector to meet in-year efficiency targets of 2%, 4% and 6% for each of the three years of the Spending Review 2008/09 to 2010/11. The deadline for submission of Efficiency Statements for 2008/09 to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities was August 2009.

The Board's first Annual Efficiency Statement 2008/09 was presented. The statement detailed efficiencies achieved in previous years centred around the Best Value Organisational Review and identified areas for projected future efficiency gains.

Decision

To note the Annual Efficiency Statement 2008/09.

(Reference – report by the Assessor 7 September 2009, submitted)