

Lothian Valuation Joint Board

Edinburgh, 11 April 2016

Present:

City of Edinburgh Council – Councillors Work (Convener), Bagshaw, Doran, Keil, Lunn and Rust.

East Lothian Council – Councillors Gillies and McNeil.

Midlothian Council – Councillor Bryant.

West Lothian Council – Councillor King.

1 Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Lothian Valuation Joint Board of 8 February 2016 as a correct record.

2 Period 11 Financial Statement 2015/2016

The Board's actual and budgeted expenditure for the period to 29 February 2016 was reported together with a year end projection to 31 March 2016.

At this stage, the projected outturn against the core budget of £6.034m represented an increase of £0.011m to the forecast of £6.023m reported to the Board in November 2015. It was noted that one off staffing costs of £0.102m were now contained within the existing budget forecasts due to the Board being permitted to operate with a general reserve.

Decision

To note the projected outturn position for 2015-2016.

(Reference – report by the Treasurer, submitted)

3 Assessor's Report to the Joint Board - April 2016

The Assessor presented an update on the service overview and priorities, current issues and the future direction of the Joint Board.

Key issues for the service included the Scottish Parliamentary Election on 5 May 2016, the European Union Referendum on 23 June 2016 and the 2016 Annual Canvass.

Decision

1) To note the report.

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- 2) To record the Board's thanks and appreciation to the Assessor and her staff for their hard work and commitment particularly during the period in the run up to the Scottish Parliamentary Election and EU Referendum.
- 3) To ask the Assessor to provide the Board with further information on the various methods used to engage members of the public and encourage them to register to vote.

(Reference – report by the Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer, submitted)