

Lothian Valuation Joint Board

Edinburgh, 20 November 2017

Present:

City of Edinburgh Council – Councillors Key (Convener), Booth, Jim Campbell (substituting for Councillor Rust), Daggart, Doran, Gordon, Gloyer Henderson and Work.

East Lothian Council – Councillors Goodfellow and Henderson.

Midlothian Council – Councillor Russell.

West Lothian Council – Councillors McGuire (Vice-Convener) and Timson.

1 Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Lothian Valuation Joint Board of 18 September 2017 as a correct record.

2 Period 7 Financial Statement 2017-2018

The Board's actual and budgeted expenditure for the period to 31 October 2017 was reported together with a year end projection to 31 March 2018.

At this stage, the projected outturn against the core budget indicated a forecast spend of £6.080m resulting in a net underspend of £0.084m.

Decision

To note the projected outturn position for 2017-2018.

(Reference – report by the Treasurer, submitted)

3 Treasury Management – Mid-Term Report 2017-2018

The mid-term review of the Board's treasury management activity for the first half of the 2017-2018 financial year was presented.

Decision

1) To note the investment activity undertaken on behalf of the Board.

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- 2) To request that a further detailed update on the cash management position be reported to the next meeting of the Board.

(Reference – report by the Treasurer, submitted)

4 Assessor's Progress Report to the Joint Board

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

Service priorities over the next three months were:

- Conclude the household canvass
- Publish the revised Electoral Register on 1 December 2017
- Continue to process all applications received for electoral registration, absent votes, opt out and change of name applications
- Continue with doorstep canvass
- Continue with engagement activities

Progress continued to be made in respect of the transformation and cultural change programme. The recently announced recommendations from the Barclay Review provided an additional point of focus for reviewing and redesigning the current organisational business model.

The Interim Assessor intended to provide a business case analysis on the Board's Early Release Policy to the Treasurer and Convener in the first instance prior to submitting a report to a future meeting of the Board.

Decision

To note the updates in the report.

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