

Lothian Valuation Joint Board

7 September 2020

Meeting held virtually by Teams

Present:

City of Edinburgh Council – Councillors Key (Convener), Corbett, Doggart, Doran, Gordon, Gloyer, Rust and Work.

East Lothian Council – Councillor Findlay and Goodfellow.

West Lothian Council – Councillor McGuire and Timson.

1 Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Lothian Valuation Joint Board of 15 June 2020 as a correct record.

2 Assessor's Progress Report to the Lothian Valuation Joint Board

A progress report by the Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) was presented to the Board. It provided information on the overview of current service delivery, priorities, risks and future direction.

An update was also provided on the activities of the organisation during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Decision

To note the report.

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

3 Interim Appointment of an Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer

At its meeting on 15th June 2020 the Lothian Valuation Joint Board (LVJB) agreed that due to the ongoing uncertainty with Covid-19 it would appoint one of the LVJB Assistant Assessors as Interim Assessor and ERO until 31 March 2021.

It was proposed that the full recruitment panel would reconvene in December 2020 to short list and interview candidates for the permanent role of Assessor and ERO.

Decision

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- 1) To note the decision to appoint Gary Elliott as Interim Assessor and ERO until 31 March 2021.
- 2) To agree that the recruitment panel would reconvene in December 2020 to shortlist and interview candidates for the permanent appointment of an Assessor and ERO.

(Reference – report by the Treasurer, submitted)

4 Period 4 Financial Statement 2020/21

The Period 4 Financial Statement for the financial year 2020/21 was submitted.

The projected revenue budget outturn position was summarised to 31st March 2021, based on the position at 31st July 2020. The forecast was for net expenditure to be in line with the approved revenue budget of the Board.

Decision

- 1) To note the projected outturn position for 2020/21.
- 2) To note that a further 2020/21 budget update would be presented in November 2020.
- 3) To note that the Scottish Government had extended the deadline for presenting the Audited Annual Accounts due to Covid-19 and that they would be presented to the Board in November 2020.

(Reference – report by the Treasurer, submitted)