

Appointment of “Acting Up” Assistant Assessor

24th October 2022

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek approval of an “acting up” Assistant Assessor from 1 November 2022 to 16 July 2023.
- 1.2 This appointment temporarily fills the vacancy due to Michael Wilkie taking up the post of Interim Assessor.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This post is already in the structure and is in the current budget.

The new proposals and appeals legislation was to be laid before Parliament this month and the new Tribunals service was due to start hearing appeals from 1 January 2023.

The Scottish Government announced that the legislation will now be laid before Parliament in mid December and the Tribunal will have a go live date of 1 April 2023.

This comes at a very difficult time given we will start receiving proposals later this year for the new revaluation roll, we will need to design a new appeal system when we finally get the new appeals legislation in late December and we also need to clear R17 running roll appeals and the COVID appeals which have a statutory disposal date of 31/12/23.

My original intention was not to fill my existing Assistant Assessor post but given the very real challenges we face I think that is not realistic and involves too much risk for the organisation.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to note the content of this report and approve the appointment of an “Acting Up” Assistant Assessor for the period 1 November 2022 to 16 July 2023.

Michael Wilkie
INTERIM ASSESSOR & ERO