



AGENDA ITEM 5

CENTRAL SCOTLAND VALUATION JOINT BOARD

Subject: INTERIM VALUATION PERFORMANCE REPORT
Meeting: CENTRAL SCOTLAND VALUATION JOINT BOARD
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1. INTRODUCTION

The Assessor submits a full annual Public Performance Report to the Board and publishes this on the Scottish Assessors' website (saa.gov.uk) This report covers the first six months of the financial year and is intended to show how these elements of the Assessor's workload are progressing. It should be noted that progress is monitored on a regular basis by the Management Team which meets at approximately 6 week intervals.

2. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR VALUATION ROLL WORK

These indicators measure how quickly we make changes to the Valuation Roll i.e. the period between the effective date of the change and the date the change was processed. This is important for ratepayers who will be keen to avoid a large backdated rates bill. It also assists local authorities who avoid having to issue backdated bills and helps with cash flow management.

Total No. of Entries 11,326 as at 29th October 2014

Amended Entries between 1 April 2014 and 30 September 2014 is 409

Period	Target 2014/15	Achieved April - September
Within 3 months	82%	90%
Within 6 months	93%	97.5%
Over 6 months	7%	2.5%

3. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR VALUATION LIST WORK

These indicators measure how quickly we add new houses i.e. the period between the new house coming into existence and it being added to the Valuation List, Taxpayers do not wish to have to pay backdated bills and local authorities are keen to collect Council Tax as quickly as possible. In terms of Electoral Registration it is important that new properties are included in the Electoral database as soon as possible to ensure that the Electoral Register is kept up to date.

Total No. of Entries 137,130 as at 29th October 2014

No. of New Entries between 1 April 2014 and 30 September 2014 is 601

Period	Target 2014/15	Achieved April - September
Within 3 months	97%	97%
Within 6 months	99%	99%
Over 6 months	1%	1%

4. COMMENTS ON PERFORMANCE APRIL TO SEPTEMBER

At this stage in the financial year we are meeting or exceeding our targets in both Valuation Roll and Valuation List. This level of performance has been achieved despite the demands made of the valuation team in the run up to the Scottish Independence Referendum. Whilst we still have a high number of trainees they are performing well however a significant amount of senior staff time continues to be spent on training.

It is expected in Valuation Roll work that performance figures at the start of the financial year will meet or exceed our target figures. This is due to the fact that new entries or changes can only be backdated to the start of the financial year. In terms of number of changes we have seen an increase in activity with 409 changes compared to 298 changes during the same period in 2013.

The Council Tax figures are satisfactory and it is anticipated that the target will be met. In terms of numbers of new entries we are again seeing an increase with 601 new entries added compared to 477 during the same period in 2013.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is asked that the Valuation Joint Board consider the report and comment as appropriate.

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Assistant Assessor