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CENTRAL SCOTLAND VALUATION JOINT BOARD

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As part of the ongoing restructure of the organisation a vacancy arose for a Divisional Valuer to be filled under 10.1 of the Board's Scheme of Delegation (Officers) following interview.
- 1.2 At the meeting of 21st September 2005, the Board agreed that Divisional Valuers would be statutory deputes. It also noted that any future new appointments at Divisional Valuer level would require to have the status of statutory depute assessor formally confirmed by the Board. This would ensure that the Divisional Valuer would have the authority to represent the Assessor as an ordinary member of the Scottish Assessors' Association. The Divisional Valuer would also have the necessary powers to carry out the Assessor's statutory duties at Valuation Appeal Committee hearings.
- 1.3 This report requests that Russell Hewton MRICS, having been appointed as Divisional Valuer be formally appointed as statutory depute assessor in terms of Section 27(2) of the Local Government Etc. (Scotland) Act 1994.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Local Government Etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 provides (Section 27) that every Valuation Authority shall appoint an Assessor and such number of statutory depute assessors as the Authority may consider necessary for the purposes of the Valuation Acts.
- 2.2 The Secretary of State has by order prescribed the qualifications required to be possessed by any person appointed to the office of Assessor or statutory depute assessor. The qualifications are either a

Fellow or Professional Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). Russell Hewton is a Professional Member of the RICS.

2.3 A statutory depute assessor shall have and may exercise all of the functions of an assessor.

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 It is recommended that the Valuation Joint Board formally appoint Russell Hewton as a statutory depute assessor in terms of Section 27 of the Local Government Etc. (Scotland) Act 1994.

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