

## **VJB5. Introduction to the Board**

The assistant clerk gave an introduction to the role of the Valuation Joint Board. The presentation covered:

- the background to the Board;
- the role of the valuation authority;
- the terms of office for members;
- an overview of standing orders; and
- the budget setting process.

The Assessor gave an overview of the Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer's functions:-

- the specific duties in regard to Valuation for Non Domestic Rating, Valuation and Banding for Council Tax and Registration of Eligible Elections;
- background to the Central Scotland area;
- core activities – valuation roll, Council Tax list and Electoral Register;
- the statutory nature of the post of Assessor and Depute Assessors;
- the Board's responsibilities; and
- the background to the Scottish Assessors Association and its key functions.

In response to a question, the Assessor confirmed that the members of the Valuation Appeals Panel were independent, with 13 members on the panel.

### **Decision**

**The Board noted the presentation.**