

**MINUTE of MEETING of CENTRAL SCOTLAND VALUATION JOINT BOARD
held within HILLSIDE HOUSE, LAURELHILL, STIRLING on FRIDAY 22 JUNE
2007 at 2.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Councillors Balsillie, Biggam, Blackwood, Campbell, Carleschi, Goss, Hughes, Jackson, C MacDonald, McLaren, McNeil, Nimmo, Patrick, Simpson and Thomson (substitute for Councillor Paterson).

CONVENER: Clerk for Item 1 and thereafter Councillor Simpson.

APOLOGY: Councillor Paterson.

ATTENDING: Clerk; Assessor and Depute Electoral Registration Officer; Treasurer and Assistant to the Clerk (B Douglas).

**VJB1. ELECTION OF CONVENER AND DEPUTE CONVENER AND THE
LOCAL GOVERNANCE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004 (REMUNERATION)
REGULATIONS 2007**

There was submitted Report (circulated) by the Clerk summarising the process for the election of a Convener and Depute Convener of the Joint Board and advising of the remuneration arrangements permitted under the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007.

The Clerk invited nominations for the position of Convener.

Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Blackwood, nominated Councillor Simpson.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Carleschi, nominated Councillor Patrick.

On a division, the motion defeated the amendment by 8 votes to 6.

Accordingly, **AGREED** to elect Councillor Simpson as Convener of Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board.

Councillor Simpson then took the chair.

The Convener invited nominations for the position of Depute Convener.

Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, nominated Councillor McLaren.

There being no other nominations, **AGREED** to elect Councillor McLaren as the Depute Convener of Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board.

VJB2. APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 15 June 2007 by the Clerk detailing both the Members and substitute Members appointed by the constituent local authorities to serve on Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board.

NOTED the Members and substitute Members appointed by the constituent authorities to serve on Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board.

VJB3. MINUTE

There was submitted (circulated) and **APPROVED** Minute of Meeting of Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board held on 26 January 2007.

VJB4. ELECTORAL REGISTRATION

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 6 June 2007 by the Depute Electoral Registration Officer providing an update on electoral matters and the 2007 Scottish Parliament and Local Government elections held on 3 May 2007.

NOTED the contents of the Report.

VJB5. SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FORTH VALLEY GIS

There was submitted Report (circulated) by the Assessor advising of an addendum to the Service Level Agreement between Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board and Forth Valley Geographic Information System entered into originally in July 2003, further extended in 2005 and proposing a further 2 year extension to run until 30 June 2009.

NOTED the contents of the Report.

VJB6. GENDER EQUALITY SCHEME

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 6 June 2007 by the Assessor (i) advising of the duty placed upon the Board to have in place a Gender Equality Scheme; (ii) attaching as appendices to the Report a copy of the draft Gender Equality Scheme and an updated Equal Opportunities Statement; and (iii) seeking approval of the proposed draft Scheme and the updated Equal Opportunities Statement.

AGREED:-

- (i) to approve and adopt the draft Gender Equality Scheme; and
- (ii) to approve the updated Equal Opportunities Statement.

VJB7. ASSESSOR'S BEST VALUE REPORT

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 4 June 2007 by the Depute Assessor advising of progress in achieving Best Value and detailing the performance of the Assessor's Service in various operational areas in 2006/07.

NOTED the continuing progress made in terms of Best Value.

VJB8. DRAFT FINAL ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2007

There was submitted Report (circulated) by the Treasurer presenting the draft final accounts for the Joint Board for the year ended 31 March 2007 and which will be submitted for audit at the end of June 2007.

NOTED the draft financial position as at 31 March 2007.