



AGENDA ITEM 7

CENTRAL SCOTLAND VALUATION JOINT BOARD

Subject: GIS SERVICES REVIEW
Meeting: CENTRAL SCOTLAND VALUATION JOINT BOARD
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

A Service Level Agreement (Number: A.5.2-01) between Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board and Forth Valley Geographic Information System (FVGIS) was entered into on 16th and 18th July 2003. This agreement was extended by two years from 1st July 2005 (Valuation Joint Board report 15th June 2005) and again for a further two years from 1st July, 2007 (Valuation Joint Board report 22nd June, 2007). Since then the agreement was extended until 30th June, 2010 and a further extension was agreed up to 30th June 2011 (Valuation Joint Board reports 12th June 2009 and 9th June 2010). It was finally extended for nine months until 31st March 2012, with an option to extend further until 30th June 2012. (Valuation Joint Board report 17th June 2011) Due to FVGIS moving to a cloud based system it will not be possible to further extend the SLA on a long term basis.

2.0 THE CURRENT POSITION

GIS facilities are essential tools which allow the Assessor/Electoral Registration Officer to map valuation data, co-ordinate with local Corporate Address Gazetteers, and link to the three Councils geo based datasets. It is also crucial to the successful delivery of Electoral Registration services and scope exists for the exchange of more data with the three Councils.

When the contract was extended last year it was only extended for one year to allow the Valuation Joint Board's agreement to come into synchronisation with the three Councils' requirements for GIS services. At the time of writing the three Councils have agreed in principle to award the contract to FVGIS and move to a cloud based system.

A briefing paper has been prepared by FVGIS setting out some options available to the Board (Appendix 1). There are distinct advantages to the Board of having the same GIS supplier as the three Councils it serves. We have over the last 9 years developed a very good working relationship with FVGIS who understand the needs of our organisation and have developed a GIS that meets those requirements. It is therefore recommended that the Board adopts Option 2. It is proposed that the current SLA continues until the Cloud based system is operational at the end of 2012.

3.0 COSTS

The costs involved in Option 2 are set out in Appendix 2 (Project Proposal). Whilst there are initial set up costs in moving to a Cloud based option it should be noted that the current GIS server is due for renewal and that there would be costs involved in its replacement and relocation. Any in house development would also incur set up costs. Over a two year period the proposal is in line with budget projections for GIS services

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board approves the report.

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APPENDICES

- 1.0 Briefing Paper prepared by FVGIS.**
- 2.0 Project Proposal prepared by FVGIS.**