

AGENDA ITEM

CENTRAL SCOTLAND VALUATION JOINT BOARD

Subject: Interim Valuation Performance Report

Meeting: Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board

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1.0 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. It is intended to show how these elements of the Assessor's workload are progressing. You should note that the progress is monitored more frequently by the Management Team – at approximately six weekly intervals.

2.0 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 11,180 at 26 October 2012

Period	Target 2012/13	Achieved April- September
Within 3 months	82%	87%
Within 6 months	93%	98%
Over 6 months	7%	2%

Amended Entries between 1 April 2012 and 30 September 2012 is 348

3.0 Performance Indicators for Valuation List work

These indicators measure how quickly we add new houses i.e. the period between the new house coming in to 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 quickly. It is also important that the Council Tax List is as up to date as possible as this helps us to ensure that new properties are included in the Electoral database thus helping to keep the Electoral Register is up to date. Total No. of Entries 135,399 at 26 October 2012

Period	Target 2012/13	Achieved April- September
Within 3 months	96%	98%
Within 6 months	99%	100%
Over 6 months	1%	0%

No of New Entries between 1 April 2012 and 30 September 2012 is 388

4.0 Comments on Performance April-September

At this stage in the financial year we are exceeding our targets. It is expected though that performance figures at the start of the financial year will be in excess of our target figures and this is the case here. Were the current figures not as good as the targets set we would be concerned. The Council Tax figures are more than satisfactory and it is anticipated that the target figures will be met. The increased target figures for the Valuation Roll are challenging against the background of the high appeal workload. Nevertheless we will endeavour to meet the target figures. The final figures will be presented to the Board in summer 2013.

5.0 Recommendation

I ask that the Board note the performance achieved at this part year stage.

Peter Wildman