



## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **VALUATION JOINT BOARD FOR CENTRAL SCOTLAND**

**Subject:** Race Equality Scheme  
**Meeting:** Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board  
**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2008  
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#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report is to advise members of the Valuation Joint Board of the three yearly review in respect of the Board's Race Equality Scheme and seeks the Board's approval of the reviewed Scheme

#### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Race Relations Act 1976 as amended by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 places both General and Specific Duties on public bodies including the Valuation Joint Board in respect of promoting race equality and taking action to prevent acts of race discrimination before they occur.
- 2.2 The Specific Duties required the Valuation Joint Board to prepare and publish a Race Equality Scheme. The Joint Board's Scheme was first published in November 2002. The Scheme is a timetabled and realistic plan, setting out our arrangements for meeting the General and Specific Duties in terms of race equality.
- 2.3 The Specific Duties also require the Valuation Joint Board to review the Scheme every three years. This was last done in November 2005 and the Board is required to review the Scheme again before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008

### **3.0 CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 In order for the Valuation Joint Board to meet its obligations under the duties a proposed reviewed Scheme has been produced.
- 3.2 The reviewed Scheme is required to be published so that it is publicly available and accessible to all sectors of the community. It is proposed to publish the reviewed Scheme on the internet and also to provide copies to local libraries. We will also provide it in large font, audiotape or Braille format on request. Also if requested we can arrange for a translation to be provided.
- 3.3 By publishing the reviewed Scheme the Board is not only ensuring that its legal obligations are met but it is also sending a clear signal of the Board's commitment and determination to actively promote equality of opportunity for every person irrespective of their race.

### **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 Members are asked to approve the proposed reviewed Race Equality Scheme

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**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS :**

- 1. Proposed Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board reviewed Race Equality Scheme