

AGENDA ITEM 9

VALUATION JOINT BOARD FOR CENTRAL SCOTLAND

Subject: Interim Valuation Performance Report
Meeting: Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board
Date: 10th September, 2010
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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 part of the year and compiled just in advance of the Board's September meeting. 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 week intervals.

2.0 Performance Indicators for Valuation Roll work

These indicators measure how quickly we make changes to the Valuation Roll. This is important for ratepayers who will be keen to avoid a large backdated rates bill. It also assists local authorities to avoid having to issue backdated bills and helps with cash flow.

Period	Target 2010/11	Achieved April - July
Within 3 months	80%	96%
Within 6 months	93%	100%
Over 6 months	7%	0%

3.0 Performance Indicators for Valuation List work

These indicators measure how quickly we add new houses. Taxpayers do not wish to have to pay backdated bills and local authorities are keen to collect Council Tax quickly as this is their main source of income outside grant income. It is also important that the Council Tax List is as up to date as possible as this ensures that the Electoral Register is also up to date.

Period	Target 2010/11	Achieved April - July
Within 3 months	95%	99%
Within 6 months	99%	100%
Over 6 months	1%	0%

4.0 Comments on Performance April - July

An examination of these figures might lead you to the conclusion that we are working considerably in advance of the targets we set and perhaps the targets are too low. However, it should be borne in mind that the targets are set in relation to our work throughout the year and not over a short period such as above. It is expected that performance figures over a shorter period will be comfortably in excess of our end of year figures and this is the case here. Were these figures not as good as the targets set we would have had serious concerns. That is the reason for presenting part year figures, so as a Management Team we are confident that we will reach and in places perhaps exceed the end of year performance which will be presented to the Board at the June 2011 meeting.

5.0 Recommendation

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

Ian Ballance
30th August, 2010