

AGENDA ITEM 3

VALUATION JOINT BOARD FOR CENTRAL SCOTLAND

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 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 who avoid having to issue backdated bills and helps with cash flow management.

Total No. of Entries 11,168		Amended Entries 463
Period	Target 2011/12	Achieved April- September
Within 3 months	81%	88%
Within 6 months	93%	99%
Over 6 months	7%	1%

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.

Total No. of Entries 134,775		New Entries 412
Period	Target 2011/12	Achieved April- September
Within 3 months	96%	98%
Within 6 months	99%	100%
Over 6 months	1%	0%

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 figures for the Valuation Roll reflect a significantly increased appeal workload. Whilst the targets have been met to date, it is looking that the final figures for non domestic will be very close indeed to the target figures. The Council Tax figures are more than satisfactory and as a Management Team we are confident that we will reach and perhaps exceed the target figures. The final figures will be presented to the Board in summer 2012. I would like to thank our staff for the efforts they have made to achieve the figures to date.

5.0 Recommendation

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

Peter Wildman