

**MINUTE of MEETING of CENTRAL SCOTLAND VALUATION JOINT BOARD held within MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on FRIDAY 25 JANUARY 2013 at 9.00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Depute Provosts Balsillie and Hamilton; Councillors Brisley, Henry (substituting for Councillor McChord), Holden, MacDonald, Mahoney, Meiklejohn, Murray, Nimmo and Turner.

**CONVENER:** Councillor MacDonald.

**ATTENDING:** Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer; Depute Assessor; Clerk; Assistant to Treasurer (L Shaw), and Assistant to Clerk (S Barton).

**VJB30. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor McChord.

**VJB31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations made.

**VJB32. MINUTE**

There was submitted (circulated) and **APPROVED** Minute of Meeting of Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board held on 16 November 2012.

**VJB33. REVENUE BUDGET 2013/14 to 2015/16**

There was submitted (circulated) a joint Report by the Treasurer and Assessor (a) presenting the Draft Revenue Budget for Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board for the financial year 2013/2014; (b) providing for consideration the budget estimates for the years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016, and (c) making recommendations on the allocation of the net costs to Falkirk, Stirling and Clackmannanshire Councils.

Discussion took place on the amount spent in cleaning costs.

**AGREED:-**

- (1) to approve the Valuation Joint Board's Revenue Budget for 2013/2014 of £2,549,230 as detailed in Appendix A to the Report, and
- (2) to requisition the constituent authorities for their share of the net expenditure as follows:-

Falkirk Council	£1,256,260
Stirling Council	£898,880
Clackmannanshire Council	£394,090

**VJB34. NON-DOMESTIC APPEAL DISPOSAL**

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board held on 16 November 2012 (Paragraph VJB27 refers), there was submitted (circulated) Report by the Assistant Assessor (a) providing an update on the progress being made with Revaluation Appeals, and (b) outlining the process for dealing with the remaining Appeals before the statutory deadline of 31 December 2013.

Discussion took place on the following:-

- the number of Appeals outstanding
- the work being undertaken by the Assessor's Office in dealing with the increased number of Appeals

**NOTED** the contents of the Report.

**VJB35. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION "SUPPORTING BUSINESS – PROMOTING GROWTH"**

There was submitted (circulated) Report by the Assessor advising of the current consultation by the Scottish Government on non domestic rates "to inform future Scottish business rates policy" which was issued on 27 November 2012.

Discussion took place on the following:-

- the consultation process
- ensuring that the response is co-ordinated between the Assessors Association and Local Authorities

**NOTED:-**

- (1) the contents of the Report, and
- (2) that a joint response to the consultation will be made on behalf of all Scottish Assessors.

Depute Provost Balsillie and Councillors Henry and Holden entered the meeting during discussion of the foregoing item of business.

**VJB36. NON-DOMESTIC APPEAL DISPOSAL – ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION**

The Convener advised that given that Depute Provost Balsillie had requested the submission of Item VJB34 to this meeting of the Joint Board, it was his intention to ask the Assessor to reiterate the main points contained within the Report. The Joint Board **AGREED** to hear further from the Assessor regarding this Report.

**NOTED** the contents of the Report.