

**MINUTE of MEETING of CENTRAL SCOTLAND VALUATION JOINT BOARD held within HILLSIDE HOUSE, LAURELHILL, STIRLING on FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 2008 at 10.00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Depute Provost McLaren; Councillors Biggam, Carleschi, Goss, Hughes, Paterson, and Simpson.

**CONVENER:** Councillor Simpson.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Blackwood, Jackson, MacDonald, McNeill and Patrick.

**ATTENDING:** Assessor; Assistant Assessors (I McGregor and P Wildman); Clerk (B Pirie); Treasurer (L Shaw) and Assistant to the Clerk (S Barton).

**VJB11. MINUTE**

There was submitted (circulated) and **APPROVED** Minute of Meeting of Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board held on 29 August 2008.

**VJB12. REVENUE BUDGET 2007/08 – REVIEW AS AT 31.08.08**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 24 October 2008 by the Treasurer presenting the final audited accounts for the financial year 2007/2008. The accounts indicated a net deficit of £5000 for 2007/08.

Discussion took place on the following:-

- The position of the pension fund
- The increase in staff costs

**NOTED** the financial position as at 31 March 2008.

**VJB13. REVENUE BUDGET 2008/09 – REVIEW AS AT 31.08.08**

There was submitted Report (circulated) by the Treasurer dated 24 October 2008 advising of the forecast outturn for the financial year ending 31 March 2009. An underspend of £9000 was projected on a budget of £2.632 million.

Discussion took place on the following:-

- The overspend in computer charges
- The underspend in salary costs

**NOTED** the contents of the report.

**VJB14. 2005 REVALUATION APPEALS REPORT**

There was submitted Report (circulated) by the Assistant Assessor (East Division) providing an update on the present position of the 2005 Revaluation Appeals. It was noted that of 2692 appeals lodged in September 2005, 67 remain to be dealt with. A summary of the disposals was also provided.

**NOTED** the satisfactory disposal of the majority of 2005 Revaluation Appeals and the process in place for the disposal of those appeals which remain.

**VJB15. RACE EQUALITY SCHEME**

There was submitted Report (circulated) by the Assistant Assessor (West Division) advising of the three yearly review of the Board's Race Equality Scheme and seeking approval of the reviewed Scheme. The Scheme included an action plan detailing the arrangements in place to meet the Board's specific duties in terms of race equality.

**AGREED** to approve the reviewed Race Equality Scheme.