



Minute of Meeting of the Grampian Valuation Joint Board

Friday, 19 June 2020

To be held virtually,

PRESENT

Councillor Frank Brown, Councillor Charles Buchan, Councillor Marion Buchan, Councillor Neil Copland, Councillor Bill Cormie, Councillor Theresa Coull, Councillor Gordon Graham, Councillor Andy Kille, Councillor Graham Leadbitter, Councillor Avril Mackenzie, Councillor Ron McKail, Councillor Brian Topping, Councillor Judy Whyte, Councillor Ryan Houghton (for Councillor John Reynolds)

APOLOGIES

Councillor Neil MacGregor, Councillor John Reynolds

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance at the above meeting were Ian Milton, Assessor and ERO, Lorraine Paisey, Treasurer to the Board and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer.

1. Chair

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Graham Leadbitter.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first virtual meeting of the Grampian Valuation Joint Board.

2. GVJB Declaration of Financial and Other Interests

In terms of standing order 25 and the Councillor's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations from a member who was present at the meeting where any item of business in which he or she has any financial or other interest is to be dealt with.

3. Minute of the Meeting - 7 February 2020

The minute of the meeting of 7 February 2020 was submitted and approved by the Board.

4. Minute of Meeting - 20 March 2020

The minute of the meeting of the Board dated 20 March 2020 was submitted and approved by the Board, subject to a change to the wording of recommendation 3(i) to read - three year budget for 2020/21 while noting the further projections up to 2022/23.

5. Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement 1 April to 31 May 2020

A report by the Treasurer asked the Board to consider the Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement for the period 1 April to 31 May 2020.

Following consideration the Board agreed to note the Revenue Monitoring Statement to 31 May 2020.

6. GVJB Unaudited Accounts

A report by the Treasurer asked the Board to consider the Annual Accounts for the Grampian Valuation Joint Board for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Following consideration the Board agreed to note the unaudited Annual Accounts of the Grampian Valuation Joint Board for the year ending 31 March 2020.

7. Register of Electors

A report by the Assessor and ERO updated the Board on legislative developments and also reported on the arrangements for the 2020 canvass and issues arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Following consideration the Board agreed to note the content of the report.

8. Valuation Report and Council Tax

A report by the Assessor and ERO updated the Board on progress in appeal resolution and advised the Board of performance levels achieved during 2019/20, reported progress on the reforms to non-domestic rates (NDR) and the related implications for Assessors and also issues arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Following consideration the Board noted the appeal progress and performance information.

9. Risk Management

A report by the Assessor and ERO updated the Board on risk management.

Following consideration the Board noted the risk register and the plans for future reviews.

10. Complaints Handling Process

A report by the Assessor and ERO updated the Board on the complaints handling performance.

Following consideration the Board agreed to note the complaints handling performance.

11. Question Time ***

No further questions were raised.

The Board joined the Chair in thanking the Clerk for setting up the virtual meeting and asked that the Clerk send an email of thanks to all staff in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils who were involved in getting the ICT issues resolved to allow the meeting to take place remotely.

The Chair further thanked the Assessor and ERO and his team for their hard work in adapting to the current situation.