



Minute of Meeting of the Grampian Valuation Joint Board

Friday, 06 November 2020

remote locations via video conference,

PRESENT

Councillor Frank Brown, Councillor Charles Buchan, Councillor Marion Buchan, Councillor Neil Copland, Councillor Bill Cormie, Councillor Gordon Graham, Councillor Andy Kille, Councillor Graham Leadbitter, Councillor Neil MacGregor, Councillor Ron McKail, Councillor John Reynolds, Councillor Derek Ross, Councillor Brian Topping, Councillor Judy Whyte

APOLOGIES

Councillor Avril Mackenzie

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 of Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Graham Leadbitter.

The Board joined the Chair, following a change of political balance in Moray Council, in welcoming Councillor Derek Ross to his first meeting and thanked Councillor Theresa Coull for her work on the Board.

2. GVJB Declaration of Financial and Other Interests

In terms of Standing Order 25 and the Councillor's Code of Conduct, Councillor Topping declared that he is a Director of Osprey Housing. There were no other declarations from members who were present at the meeting where any item of business in which they have any financial or other interest is to be dealt with.

3. Minute of Meeting of 21 August 2020

The minute of the meeting of 21 August 2020 was submitted and approved by the Board.

4. Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement 1 April to 30 Sept 2020 and Estimated Outturn

A report by the Treasurer to the Board asked the Board to consider the Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement for the period 1 April to 30 September 2020.

Following consideration the Board agreed to note:

- i) the revenue monitoring statement for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020; and
- ii) the estimated outturn forecast for the financial year 2020/21.

5. Financial Planning For 2021-22 and Future Years

A report by the Treasurer to the Board asked the Board to consider the indicative budgets that will form the three year Revenue Budget from 2021/22 onwards and to discuss the operational issues facing the Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) in the medium to long term.

Councillor McKail asked whether the budget could be shared with the Heads of Finance in Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Councils.

In response, the Treasurer confirmed that copies of the budget are provided for information only as officers of the constituent authorities as such have no locus standi to comment on Board papers.

Following further consideration the Board agreed to note:

- i) current indicative three year core budget from 2021/22 to 2023/24 and that this will be further adjusted during the preparation of the draft budget for 2021/22;
- ii) various scenarios which would impact on the budget and the range of potential assumptions and risks;
- iii) operational issues facing the service; and
- iv) actions to be taken ahead of the budget setting meeting in February 2021.

6. Valuation Roll and Council Tax Valuation List Report

A report by the Assessor and ERO provided the Board with an update on the valuation services provided by the Assessor and progress on the reforms to non-domestic rates.

Following consideration the Board agreed to note the report.

7. Register of Electors Report

A report by the Assessor and ERO informed the Board on progress with the annual canvass, provided an update on the autumn by-elections and on current developments.

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

8. Public Performance Report

A report by the Assessor and ERO sought approval from the Board for the publication of the nineteenth public performance report.

Following consideration the Board agreed to note the content and agreed to the publication of the Public Performance Report provided as an appendix to the report.