

Report

Report to:	Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board
Date of Meeting:	6 June 2011
Report by:	Depute Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer

Subject:	Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board 2008 - 2011 Service Plan; Outcomes
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Present to members a report on the outcomes linked to the objectives set out in LVJB's Service Plan covering the period of 2008 – 2011.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) to note the contents of the outcomes report, which is presented as an attachment to this report.

3. Background

3.1. A Service Plan for LVJB covering the period April 2008 – March 2011, was approved by the Board at the meeting of June 2008 setting out the Board's mission and vision statement, its service function, core objectives, and key activities covering a three year period. Progress updates and reviews of the Service Plan were provided to the Board throughout the period of the Service Plan.

4. Core objectives

4.1. Part two of the Service Plan set out the core objectives for LVJB covering key business areas for the three year period which the Plan related to. The attached report provides a brief summary of the outcomes linked to those core objectives, highlighting the key undertakings related to each objective.

5. Key Achievements

5.1 The key achievements by LVJB over the period of the Service Plan 2008-2011 within its three main business areas have been identified as follows:

- within Electoral Registration:-

- the number of households with no registered electors reducing from over 30,000 to just under 15,000
- the effective delivery of undertakings related to elections held within the period of the Service Plan
- all Electoral Commission performance standards either being met or exceeded

- within Non-Domestic valuation:-

- the disposal of over 6,900 appeals received in relation to the 2005 Revaluation, including the successful defence of a number of values before both the local Valuation Appeal Committee and the Lands Tribunal for Scotland
- the disposal of over 2,700 running roll appeals, in accordance with statutory timescales including the successful defence of a number of values before the local Valuation Appeal Committee
- the revaluation of over 18,000 non-domestic subjects for the 2010 general Revaluation, in accordance with statutory timescales

- within Council Tax:-

- the disposal of over 1,800 council tax proposals and appeals against banding levels for a range of house types throughout Lanarkshire
- addressing the backlog, principally caused by the upsurge in appeal activity (both non-domestic and council tax), of band changes required to dwellings where there had been a material increase in value and subsequent sale

6. Employee Implications

6.1 None.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 Financial issues in relation to the Service Plan were covered annually as part of the budgetary process and discussions with the Treasurer to the Board.

8. Other Implications

8.1 The risk attached to not fully documenting outcomes of the 2008 – 2011 Service Plan is that areas where service delivery were not satisfactorily achieved may not be readily identified. Reviewing outcomes of the plan allows for the identification of areas for improvement.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

9.1 This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.

10. Privacy Impact Assessment

10.1 This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.

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11 May 2011

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

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