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| Report to: | Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board |
| Date of Meeting: | 7 June 2010 |
| Report by: | Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer |

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| Subject: | The Completeness and Accuracy of Electoral Registers in Lanarkshire |
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise members of the publication of a report on the completeness and accuracy of Electoral Registers in Lanarkshire

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the publication of the report be noted.

3. Background

3.1. In March 2010, the Electoral Commission published a research report on the completeness and accuracy of electoral registers in Great Britain. The research involved an analysis of a range of national data sources and case studies in eight local authority areas across Great Britain.

The publication of this report presented an opportunity to look at the registers in Lanarkshire and consider their completeness and accuracy in light of the comparative evidence provided by the EC report.

4. Key Findings

- The completeness of the Lanarkshire registers is broadly in line with current Electoral Commission estimates for other registers in Great Britain.
- The completeness of the Lanarkshire registers is likely to be in the range 91% to 96%.
- Within the registers, there is likely to be significant local variation in registration levels.
- Areas with a high percentage of single adult households (measured by the number of electors per household where there are electors registered) are likely to have the lowest levels of registration.
- Areas with a high percentage of flatted properties are likely to have the lowest levels of registration.
- Areas with a high percentage of detached properties have the highest levels of registration.

- The response to the annual canvass in Lanarkshire is low. This is in line with Electoral Commission finding for the central belt in Scotland as a whole.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. None

6. Financial Implications

6.1. None

7. Other Implications

7.1. None

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. 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.

9. Privacy Impact Assessment

9.1 All data used in the report has been aggregated and anonymised and its use does not breach any Data Protection Principle.

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17 May 2010

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

The Completeness and Accuracy of Electoral Registers in Lanarkshire

Contact for Further Information

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