



Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

Report to: Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

Meeting on: 15th September 2023

Subject: Property Report

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1. Introduction

The Board functions are delivered from its offices at the Robertson Centre, Glasgow Road, Paisley. The offices are let from Renfrewshire Council and they have deemed the building surplus to requirements and intimated that they would not renew the Board's lease beyond March 2024, therefore the Board has to look for alternative premises.

2. Update

At the last meeting the Board authorised the Assessor to rescind the then existing lease and sign a new lease covering the period October 2018 to March 2024 and to continue investigations for alternative accommodation effective from March 2024.

Investigations have continued into viable options for accommodating RVJB in the long term. Space planning consultants have been engaged and have looked at our current processes and business model to give recommendations on the size requirement.

In recent days Renfrewshire Council have intimated that they would be willing to extend our current lease on similar terms for a further year until March 2025 albeit this offer is subject to approval of the appropriate Board within Renfrewshire Council.

In consultation with the Clerk, we have agreed that this is the best option for the Board and service delivery in the short term. An extension of a year would ensure continuity for the Board beyond the period where a UK General Election could be called and remove a significant area of risk from our ability to deliver our Electoral Registration function during this key period.

3. Next Steps

I will continue to engage with Renfrewshire Council over the proposed lease extension with a view to having this finalised as soon as possible. Work will continue to investigate options for the long term accommodation for the Board.

The Board will be kept updated on progress via reports to future meetings.

5. Recommendations

The Board notes:

- 1. The offer to extend the current lease for a year and that the Assessor will work with Renfrewshire Council to finalise the lease extension.**
- 2. The Assessor will continue to investigate options for the long term accommodation of the Board.**

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