



# Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

**Report to:** Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board  
**Meeting on:** 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
**Subject:** Barclay Review - Update  
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## 1. Background

It was agreed that the Board should be updated at each meeting on developments and expenditure arising from the Barclay Review.

## 2. Recruitment

In order for the Board to be able to deliver the new requirements following the Barclay recommendations a review of staffing has been undertaken. To facilitate this, in the most cost effective way, we have managed to secure two spaces at Edinburgh Napier University for a BSc in Construction & the Built Environment with funding from Skills Development Scotland through the Graduate Level Apprenticeship Scheme.

This means the Board is not liable for any course fees, which for example on a similar course, would be in excess of £38k for both these posts. In effect the only costs for this course are for the students attendance at 2 week block study periods three times a year in Edinburgh.

Two places at City of Glasgow College have been secured and are for a two year course leading to an HNC in Construction Management.

The interviews for the four posts – two trainee valuers and two trainee technicians ,were held on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August to allow time for the successful candidates to enroll in their relevant courses. Recruiting for these posts has the added benefit of going some way to address the work force planning issues the Board has through having an ageing workforce.

All costs for these four posts will be met from the money allocated to the Barclay funding.

## 3. IT Valuation System

Work is ongoing with two other Assessors' offices in designing and procuring the new IT Valuation system. The timetable for delivery of this system is expected to be 12months from now.

## 4. Recommendations

- i. The Board note the contents of the report.

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