

Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 17 August 2018	14:00	Inverclyde Council, Municipal Buildings, Clyde Square, GREENOCK, PA15 1LZ

KENNETH GRAHAM Clerk

Membership

Councillors Angela Convery, Danny Devlin, Charlie Gilbert and Paul O'Kane (East Renfrewshire Council); Councillors Graeme Brooks, Colin Jackson, Tommy McVey and Innes Nelson (Inverclyde Council); and Councillors Tom Begg, Jacqueline Cameron, Audrey Doig, Kenny MacLaren, Mags MacLaren, John McIntyre, Jim Sharkey and Andy Steel (Renfrewshire Council).

Councillor Audrey Doig (Convener): Councillor Danny Devlin (Depute Convener)

Additional Items

I refer to the agenda for the meeting of the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board to be held on Friday, 17 August 2018 and enclose the undernoted additional reports which were not included in the notice calling the meeting and which the Convener has agreed to be considered as urgent items of business:

Items of business

14	Accommodation Update		
	Report by Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer		
15	Barclay Consultation		
	Report by Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer		



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Report to :	Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board
Meeting on :	17 th August 2018
Subject :	Accommodation Update
Author :	Assessor & Electoral Registration Officer

1.0 Introduction

As the Board is aware to help meet financial constraints I had suggested in my Service Review report at the last board meeting we move out of the upper floor of the Robertson Centre and sublet this part of our building. I have been in discussion with Renfrewshire Council's Finance & Resources team over the last few months in an attempt to come to a suitable agreement on the best way to take this forward.

2.0 Progress

In discussions with the Landlord ie Renfrewshire Council an alternative option has become available for the Board, to rescind the existing lease and create a new lease for the ground floor and caretakers flat only. The remaining part of the upper floor will become the Landlords responsibility and thereby removes the risk and costs of finding a tenant from the Board.

A new lease to this effect will require to be drafted, the final terms of the lease have yet to be negotiated .

3.0 Conclusion

I am seeking the Boards approval to allow me to rescind the existing lease and continue discussions with Renfrewshrie Council on the terms of a new lease .

Recommendations

i. The Board is asked to consider the above and approve continued negotiations.

Kate A Crawford - 15th August 2018

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Author :	Assessor & Electoral Registration Officer

1.0 Introduction

As the Board may be aware the Scottish Government has put out a Consultation on legislative proposals arising from the recommendations of the Barclay Review with responses to be made by the 17th of September. A link to the consultation document is attached <u>https://consult.gov.scot/local-government-and-communities/non-domestic-rates/</u>

I am already working with fellow Assessors on a response to this consultation and this will be submitted on behalf of the Scottish Assessors Association.

However, as can be seen from the Risk Register (which is a separate item on the agenda for this meeting) I believe the impact on our service delivery and organisation as a whole is very substantial if we are to meet the new timetable etc .If the Board deems it appropriate I would like the Board to delegate myself in consultation with the Convener to submit a response to the consultation on behalf of the Board .

I would ask the Board to approve this course of action.

Recommendations

 That authority be delegated to the Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer, in consultation with the Convener, to submit a response to the Scottish Government consultation by the deadline of 17 September 2018

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