

# Appointment of Assessor and ERO

# 16 April 2018

## 1 Purpose of report

1.1 The Lothian Valuation Joint Board (LVJB) is asked to note the decision of the recruitment panel to appoint Graeme Strachan as the permanent Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer of the Lothian Valuation Joint Board.

### 2 Background

- 2.1 Interim arrangements have been in place since the previous Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer of the LVJB retired on 31 December 2016.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 27 February 2018 the recruitment panel acting on behalf of the Board agreed the timeline and approach to recruiting a permanent Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer of the LVJB.

### 3 Main Report

- 3.1 Online advertising and direct marketing to current Assessors and Electoral Registration Officers across Scotland were used to source candidates.
- 3.2 Three applications were received and on 29 March 2018, the recruitment panel comprising Councillors Key, Henderson, McGuire and Work interviewed all the candidates.
- 3.3 Following the interviews, the recruitment panel agreed to appoint Graeme Strachan as the permanent Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer for the LVJB.
- 3.4 The permanent arrangements will be contained within current budgets.

#### 4 Recommendations

4.1 The Board notes the decision of the recruitment panel to appoint Graeme Strachan as the permanent Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer of the LVJB.

#### Andrew Kerr Chief Executive and Clerk