

## **Interim Appointment of an Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer**

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**10.00am, Monday, 7 September 2020**

### **Purpose of report**

1. This report asks the Lothian Valuation Joint Board (LVJB) to note the decision to appoint Gary Elliott as Interim Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) until 31 March 2021.

### **Background**

2. The current Assessor and ERO will retire on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020. In line with the LVJB Standing Orders, a recruitment panel was initially formed to hire a permanent replacement.
3. In March 2020, due to the COVID19 pandemic, the recruitment panel agreed to pause the recruitment process and review the situation in June 2020.
4. At its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 the LVJB agreed that due to the ongoing uncertainty with COVID 19 to appoint one of the LVJB Assistant Assessors on an interim basis, initially for a six-month period.

### **Main Report**

5. Two applications were received and on 10 July 2020, the recruitment panel comprising Councillors Key, Goodfellow and McGuire interviewed the candidates.
6. Following the interviews, the recruitment panel agreed to appoint Gary Elliott as the interim Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer for the LVJB.
7. As this appointment is only an interim solution it is proposed that the full recruitment panel reconvenes in December 2020 to short list and interview candidates for the permanent role of Assessor and ERO.

## Recommendations

8. The Board notes the decision to appoint Gary Elliott as Interim Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) until 31 March 2021; and
9. Agrees that the recruitment panel will reconvene in December 2020 to short list and interview candidates for the permanent appointment of an Assessor and ERO.

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## Appendices

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### Background Papers

June 2020 - [Recruitment of a New Assessor and Electoral  
Registration Officer](#)