

Membership Update

14 June 2021

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report informs the Board of a vacancy on the membership and asks members to consider whether there is a reason for the absence of Councillor Munro from Lothian Valuation Joint Board meetings.

2 Main Report

Vacancy

- 2.1 Councillor Dave King passed away in May 2021 and therefore there is now a vacancy on the Board. West Lothian Council will appoint a member to this position in due course and the Board will be informed.

Non-attendance at meetings

- 2.2 As set out in Standing Order 28, subject to the terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, if a member does not attend any meetings for six months of the Board or any Sub-Committee, the Clerk must tell the Board (unless the member has been granted leave of absence by the Board). The Board will consider whether the absence was caused by some reason approved by them and if they are not satisfied about the cause, the member will cease to be a member of the Board.
- 2.3 Councillor Munro (Midlothian Council) has been absent from Board meetings for six months. The Board is therefore asked to consider the reason for this absence and whether it is satisfied. The Clerk has been advised that Councillor Munro has been unable to attend due to his considerable work commitments but would make arrangements for a colleague to substitute when required in future.

3 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- 3.1 Considers whether there is a reason for Councillor Munro's absence.

3.2 Notes that West Lothian Council will appoint a member to the vacancy in due course.

**Andrew Kerr,
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Appendices: None.

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