

Scotland Excel

To: Executive Sub Committee

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Report by Director Scotland Excel

Request for Associate Membership of Scotland Excel by Scottish Police Authority

1 Introduction

In addition to the 32 local authorities which are full members of Scotland Excel, applications can be made for associate membership by organisations such as council arm's length organisations, community groups, charities, housing associations and voluntary organisations which are a public body or a body that engages in activities of a public nature.

Organisations apply to Scotland Excel for associate membership to allow them to access the frameworks for goods and services. Associates do not have the opportunity to influence the future contract delivery schedule which is reserved for local authority members.

2 Application

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 created the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) and set out its five core functions:

- to maintain the Police Service;
- to promote the policing principles set out in the 2012 Act;
- to promote and support continuous improvement in the policing of Scotland;
- to keep under review the policing of Scotland; and
- to hold the Chief Constable to account for the policing of Scotland

For the purpose of awarding contracts from Scotland Excel frameworks, the body known as "Police Scotland" will contract on behalf of the Scottish Police Authority.

To ensure the efficient and cost-effective delivery of these services Police Scotland has requested approval to become an associate member.

Scottish Police Authority is in the process of reviewing its Scottish Living Wage status.

3 Legislative Position

Before any application is submitted for approval, a number of validation checks on the organisation are carried out. These include a review of the Memorandum & Articles of Association, the financial position and the type of contracts that the organisation is likely to access.

Scotland Excel monitors all requests from arm's length and other organisations to become associate members in order to ensure that any legal requirements are met. In this case, Scottish Police Authority qualifies for membership in accordance with the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970, namely that the organisation is a public body under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

4 Recommendation

It is recommended to committee that Scottish Police Authority application to join Scotland Excel as an associate member be approved, at a £5,000 annual fee, subject to completion and signing of the agreement document.