

Scotland Excel

To: Executive Sub Committee

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**Report
by
Director Scotland Excel**

**Request for Associate Membership of Scotland Excel by City Property
Glasgow (Investments) LLP**

1 Introduction

In addition to the 32 local authorities who are full members of Scotland Excel applications can be made for Associate Membership by organisations such as council arm's length organisations (ALEO), 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 which we have in place for our full members. Associates do not have the opportunity to influence the future contract delivery schedule which is reserved for the full local authority members.

2 Application

City Property Glasgow (Investments) LLP is an ALEO of Glasgow City Council which provides the management, development and disposal of the City Council's non-operational surplus land and property assets as well as providing management services for the Council's longer term commercial ground leases.

City Property Glasgow (Investments) LLP portfolio consists of around 2,500 commercial assets including 19 industrial estates ranging from 6 to 26 units, hundreds of shops and business premises around the city.

The organisation specialise in helping companies find suitable accommodation as well as offering flexible leases, competitive rents and incentives to support investment in the city.

3 Legislative Position

Before any application is submitted to committee for consideration checks are made into the organisation including scrutiny of the Memorandum & Articles of Association, finances and the type of contracts that the organisation wishes to access. Membership commences once committee has approved the application and a Membership Agreement between Scotland Excel and the organisation is signed. The Membership Agreement protects Scotland Excel and Renfrewshire Council in the event of default by the Associate Member in any contract.

Scotland Excel monitors all requests from organisations to become associate members to ensure that all legal requirements are met. In this case City Property Glasgow (Investments) LLP qualify for membership under the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970, section 1(1B)(c), namely that the organisation is a person who not being a public body has functions of a public nature or engages in activities of that nature and the purpose or effect of its access to Scotland Excel services is to facilitate its discharge of those functions or activities.

4 Recommendation

It is recommended to committee that City Property Glasgow (Investments) LLP application to join Scotland Excel as an associate member be approved, with no annual fee, subject to completion and signing of the agreement document.