

## **Scotland Excel**

**To: Executive Sub Committee**

**On: 10 February 2017**

**Report  
by  
Director Scotland Excel**

### **Request for Associate Membership of Scotland Excel by Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership**

#### **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 arms 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 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**

Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (Tactran) is one of seven statutory Regional Transport Partnerships covering the whole of Scotland, which were created under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005.

The Tactran region forms an important "hub" lying at the heart of Scotland's transport network and includes the local authority areas of Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Stirling which together make up just under 10% of Scotland's land mass and nearly 12% of the nation's population.

The primary purpose of the Partnership is to develop a Regional Transport Strategy setting out a vision for the medium to long term future of transport in the area and to oversee its implementation

### **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 arms length organisations to become associate members to ensure that any legal requirements are met as not all such organisations are fully funded from their local authority, in this case Tactran qualify for membership as they in accordance with the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970 namely that the organisation is a public body and the purpose of accessing Scotland Excel's services is to facilitate the discharge of those functions and activities.

### **4 Recommendation**

It is recommended to committee that the Tactran's application to join Scotland Excel as an associate member be approved, at an annual fee of £500, subject to completion and signing of the agreement document.