

Scotland Excel

To: Executive Sub Committee

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**Report
by
Director Scotland Excel**

Request for Associate Membership of Scotland Excel by Kingdom Support and Care CIC

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

Kingdom Support and Care CIC (KSC) has applied to Scotland Excel for associate membership.

KSC are a Community Interest Company that is based in Fife and works across East Central Scotland. The KSC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kingdom Housing Association Ltd who are an Associate Member of Scotland Excel. All surplus gain by the KSC are fully invested back into the community for their benefit.

The KSC supports around 260 people throughout Fife and Falkirk, providing high quality and personalised support and care designed to meet individual needs and desired outcomes.

The KSC has no housing stock however it does provide services to tenants of both Housing Associations and other Registered Social Landlords.

The KSC application is directly linked to their parent organisation, Kingdom Housing Association who were approved by the Exec Sub Committee on the 17th November 2017 for an annual fee of £5,652.

To ensure the efficient and cost effective delivery of these services they have approached Scotland Excel and requested approval to become an associate member with access to our contracts.

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.

Scotland Excel monitors all requests from arms length and other organisations to become associate members to ensure that any legal requirements are met. In this case Kingdom Housing Association qualify for membership as they in accordance with the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970, section 1(1B), namely that the organisation is not a public body, but it has functions of a public nature or engages in activities of that nature 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 Kingdom Support and Care CIC application to join Scotland Excel as an associate member be approved. Fees for Kingdom Support and Care CIC are encompassed within the £5,652 already paid by their parent organisation. Membership is also subject to completion and signing of the agreement document.