

Scotland Excel

To: Executive Sub Committee

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Report by Director Scotland Excel

Request for Associate Membership of Scotland Excel by Cornerstone Community Care

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 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

Cornerstone Community Care is a registered charity, which provides a range of services to individuals with a variety of needs including learning disabilities, physical disabilities, autism and dementia. The organisation is award winning, and ensures the learning experience provided improves individual and organisational performance.

Cornerstone Community Care are a Scottish Living Wage employer.

To support the efficient and cost-effective delivery of these services, Cornerstone has approached Scotland Excel and requested approval to become an associate member.

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 which the organisation wishes to access. Membership commences following Executive Subcommittee approval 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, in order to ensure that any legal requirements are met. In this case, Cornerstone Community Care qualify for membership as they in accordance with the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970, section 1(1B) (C), 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 Cornerstone Community Care application to join Scotland Excel as an associate member be approved, at a £500 annual fee, subject to completion and signing of the agreement document.