

Scotland Excel

To: Executive Sub Committee

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**Report
by
Director Scotland Excel**

Request for Associate Membership of Scotland Excel by Glasgow West Housing Association Ltd

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

Following work carried out as part of a review of procurement capability within the organisation, Glasgow West Housing Association Ltd has applied to Scotland Excel for associate membership.

Glasgow West Housing Association Ltd has 1486 properties across Scotland and is a registered charity, as well as being an accredited living wage employer.

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 associate membership requests from arms-length bodies and other organisations to ensure that all legal requirements are fulfilled. In this case, Glasgow West Housing Association Ltd qualifies for membership in accordance with 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's services, is to facilitate discharge of those functions or activities.

4 Recommendation

It is recommended to committee that the Glasgow West Housing Association Ltd application to join Scotland Excel as an associate member be approved, at a £2,230 annual fee, subject to completion and signing of the agreement document.