

Scotland Excel

To: Joint Committee

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**Report
by
Director Scotland Excel**

Request for Associate Membership of Scotland Excel by North Glasgow Housing Association Ltd. (trading as ng homes) (“ng homes”)

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

ng homes is a trading name of North Glasgow Housing Association, which is a social landlord that operates in the North of Glasgow. ng homes priorities are to provide communities with:

- decent safe and secure housing
- good transport links, leisure and recreational activities
- shopping facilities in order to make them strong and sustainable
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ng homes was formed for the benefit of the community in 1976 by a group of residents who wanted to save their homes from demolition and start building a new future.

ng homes are registered:

- As a social landlord with The Scottish Housing Regulator
- As a charity with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator

ng homes has 5440 self-contained units, 1 non self-contained unit and 8 bed spaces.

ng homes made a request on an emergency basis for associate membership in order to instruct works as a result of issues arising from the Grenfell Tower fire. The Scotland Excel Scheme of delegations (para h) authorises the director "To act in an emergency situation with the approval of the Clerk and where possible after consulting the Convener, or in his absence the Vice-Convener of the Joint Committee and the Chair of the Management Group, and thereafter report on the action taken to the first available meeting of the Joint Committee."

In this instance both the convener and the Legal and Democratic Services Manager at Renfrewshire Council, acting in the clerk's absence, were consulted and agreed on the director's course of action to approve immediate associate membership.

This membership approval was taken to the August 2017 Executive Sub Committee and was agreed by members. Subsequent recommendations indicate that this decision should also be approved by the Joint Committee.

3 Recommendation

It is therefore recommended to committee note the Director's decision under delegated authority to approve the application by ng homes to join Scotland Excel as an associate member, at an annual fee of £8,160.