

## **Scotland Excel**

**To: Executive Sub Committee**

**On: 25 October 2019**

**Report  
by  
Director Scotland Excel**

### **Request for Associate Membership of Scotland Excel by University of Strathclyde**

#### **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**

University of Strathclyde is a Higher Education Institution based in Glasgow.

University of Strathclyde pays the Scottish Living Wage to all staff, and is an accredited Scottish Living Wage employer as well as a registered charity.

To support the efficient and cost-effective delivery of these services, University of Strathclyde 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, University of Strathclyde qualifies for membership as they in accordance with the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970 section 1 (1B)(b) as a public authority or body.

### **4 Recommendation**

It is recommended to committee that University of Strathclyde application to join Scotland Excel as an associate member be approved, with no annual fee, subject to completion and signing of the agreement document.