

Scotland Excel

To: Executive Sub-Committee

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**Report by:
Chief Executive of Scotland Excel**

Request for Associate Membership of Scotland Excel by Bon Accord Care Limited

1. Summary

- 1.1 Scotland Excel can be approached by organisations such as council arm's 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 to become associate members of Scotland Excel.

Some organisations choose to apply for Scotland Excel Associate Membership to benefit local economic growth, network with other organisations or to improve their efficiency in offering services to their clients.

2. Background

- 2.1 Bon Accord Care Limited is an arms-length external organisation of Aberdeen City Council. Bon Accord Care Limited works together with service users, partners and employees to support our communities and create meaningful relationships with those around us. They deliver a range of services that are aimed at prevention, maximising independence and enhancing wellbeing.

Their focus from the outset is to get to know individual preferences, wants, history and lifestyle to ensure that each person receives a service that is unique to them.

Their range of services cover: care at home, housing support, residential care homes, rehabilitation, reablement, occupational therapy, SVQs through Learning and Development, community equipment, telecare, day care, responder, respite and community meals.

- 2.2 Bon Accord Care Limited is an accredited Real Living Wage employer.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is the practice of Scotland Excel that, before any application is submitted for approval, a number of validation checks are carried out on the organisation concerned. These include a review of the Memorandum and Articles of Association or similar fundamental documentation, the financial position and the type of contracts which the organisation is likely to access. It is confirmed that satisfactory validation checks have been completed in relation to this application.
- 3.2 It is recommended to committee that Bon Accord Care Limited application to join Scotland Excel as an associate member be approved, with no annual fee, subject to the agreement document.

No fee will be charged due to their status as an arms-length external organisation of a local authority as their associate membership is considered as part of the overall local authority membership.

In the case of Bon Accord Care Limited and on the basis of the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970 section 1 (1B)(c). Namely, that Bon Accord Care Limited has functions that are public in nature or engages in activities of that nature so long as the purpose or effect of access to Scotland Excel's services is to facilitate its discharge of those functions or activities we recommend that the application be approved.