

Scotland Excel

To: Executive Sub Committee

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**Report
by
Director Scotland Excel**

Request for Associate Membership of Scotland Excel by Transition Extreme Sports, Aberdeen

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

Transition Extreme opened in 2007, and has a variety of facilities for the local community including an indoor climbing wall, skate park, cafe, recreational space, learning zone, martial arts and meeting facilities. there is something for everyone.

As a modern social enterprise and Scottish charity Transition Extreme uses urban sports and their cultures to attract and engage the local youth population. As a leading youth charity Transition Extreme offers a number of youth and community programmes including alternative, outreach and Extreme Arts Academies to support young people disengaged from traditional forms of education.

Transition Extreme engages young people in regeneration areas at local skate parks throughout Aberdeen City and Shire, supporting initiatives to reduce crime, substance abuse and antisocial behaviour

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 that the organisation wishes to access. Membership commences once committee has approved the application and a Membership Agreement between Scotland Excel and the organisation is signed. The Membership Agreement protects Scotland Excel and Renfrewshire Council in the event of default by the Associate Member in any contract.

Scotland Excel monitors all requests from organisations to become associate members to ensure that any legal requirements are met. In this case Extreme Sports Aberdeen qualify for membership as they, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970, section 1B, 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 the Extreme Sports Aberdeen's application to join Scotland Excel as an associate member be approved, at an annual fee of £500, subject to completion and signing of the agreement document.