

## **Scotland Excel**

**To: Executive Sub Committee**

**On: 27 March 2020**

### **Report by Director Scotland Excel**

#### **Request for Associate Membership of Scotland Excel by Edinburgh International Festival Society**

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 In addition to the 32 local authorities which are full members of Scotland Excel, applications can be made for Associate Membership 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.

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. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended to committee that Edinburgh International Festival Society application to join Scotland Excel as an associate member be approved, with an annual fee of £500, subject to the agreement document.
- 2.2 Scotland Excel monitors all requests from arm's length and other organisations to become associate members to ensure that any legal requirements are met. In this case, Edinburgh International Festival Society qualifies on the basis of the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970, section 1(1B)(c), namely that they have functions of a public nature or engage in activities of that nature and the purpose or effect of their access to Scotland Excel frameworks is to facilitate their discharge of those functions or activities.

### 3. **Background**

- 3.1 The Edinburgh International Festival Society, are a Company limited by guarantee and a Registered Scottish charity.
- 3.2 Edinburgh International Festival Society pay the Real Living Wage but are not an accredited employer.
- 3.3 To ensure the efficient and cost-effective delivery of these services it has approached Scotland Excel and requested approval to become an associate member with access to our contracts.
- 3.4 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.