

Scotland Excel

To: Executive Sub Committee

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**Report
by
Director Scotland Excel**

**Request for Associate Membership of Scotland Excel by Parkhead Housing
Association Ltd**

1 Introduction

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 Application

Parkhead Housing Association Ltd has 1,643 properties based in Glasgow and is an Industrial and Provident Society and a charity. It is also a Registered Social Landlord.

Parkhead Housing Association Ltd is an accredited Scottish Living Wage employer.

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 and other chargeable services.

3 Legislative Position

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.

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, Parkhead Housing Association Ltd qualifies for membership in accordance with the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970 section 1 (1B) (c). Namely, that it 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.

4 Recommendation

It is recommended to committee that Parkhead Housing Association Ltd application to join Scotland Excel as an associate member be approved, at a £2,465 annual fee, subject to the agreement document.