

PROMOTION AND PARTICIPATION

GWHA will promote Membership to all new tenants and within the community.

Endeavours will be made to promote and encourage participation of members by

1. Seeking out members views and hold meetings at suitable times and accessible locations.
2. Committing to the AGM date nine months in advance.
3. Publicising General Meetings in all offices and on GWHA website and through newsletters.
4. Promote opportunities for serving on the Management Committee including through Committee Training Forums.
5. Evaluate success and feedback from the AGM after each general meeting

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application Forms are available from the Registered Office of GWHA,
at 5 Royal Crescent, Glasgow, G3 7SL
or by contacting Carol Nicol on 0141 331 6664 or governance@glasgowwestha.co.uk

The completed form should then be returned with £1 to 5 Royal Crescent, Glasgow, G3 7SL.

Applications will be considered as soon as reasonably practicable but cannot be approved within 14 days leading up to the AGM. Once approved, you immediately become a member and a Share Certificate will be issued within two weeks of the appropriate Management Committee meeting. Where an application is rejected, you will be advised of the decision within two weeks of the appropriate Management Committee meeting.



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INTRODUCTION

Glasgow West Housing Association Limited (GWHA) is a charitable organisation registered as a housing association with The Scottish Housing Regulator, The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and registered with the Financial Conduct Authority.

GWHA is run by a voluntary Management Committee in accordance with its Constitution, the guidelines laid down by The Scottish Housing Regulator and the Law. The Management Committee employs staff to run the affairs of GWHA on a day to day basis.

Members are those people who hold a share in GWHA and whose names are entered into the Register of Members. You can apply for membership from the age of 16 and no member shall hold more than one share.

WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

Some of the benefits of becoming a member of GWHA are:-

1. Vote on other matters discussed at the AGM and General Meetings
2. Nominate other members for election to the Committee
3. Be nominated for election to the Committee
4. Vote at elections for the Management Committee
5. Be elected as Management Committee Members and directly influence policies, services and direction.

POLICY

GWHA seeks to ensure that its Membership reflects the communities it serves and that all sections of the community have the opportunity to participate in its governance.

We will harness the skills, experience and views of members and ensure a sound and active membership, by recruiting members who are: GWHA tenants, other service users and those with a direct interest in our work.

The Management Committee must be satisfied that an applicant's reason for seeking to join GWHA is consistent with the objectives of this policy. While it is GWHA's intention to encourage Membership, the Management Committee has absolute discretion in deciding on applications for Membership. Applications from service users are usually considered without interview. Other applicants must attend an interview with members of Management Committee. The Management Committee must be satisfied that the application is in the best interest of GWHA.

Exclusions from Membership include applications from current staff or former staff (minimum 5yrs) Any applications after this 5 year period will only be considered via formal interview.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A member may terminate their membership by giving the Secretary, at GWHA's registered office, seven days' notice in writing.

GWHA's Management Committee may terminate a membership if:

1. A member has failed to inform of a change of address as set out in Rule 10;
2. -or, failed to attend and submit apologies for five annual general meetings;
3. -or failed to appoint a representative to attend and vote on your behalf by proxy
4. A complaint is received about a member's behaviour and two thirds of membership voting at an SGM agree.

Upon termination of membership, the value of the share will belong to the Association. However, transfer and refunding of shares may also take place under specific rules. Please contact us for further information.

