

EDINBURGH TENANTS FEDERATION

Edinburgh's Federation of Tenants and Residents' Associations

EXTRACT OF CONSTITUTION

4. Membership:

- a. The Federation shall have three types of Membership:
 - i) Ordinary Membership
 - ii) Individual non-voting associate membership
 - iii) Non-voting associate membership.
- b. In all instances, the decision regarding granting membership of the Federation shall be made by the Executive Committee, whose decision will be final.
- c. Membership of the Federation will be renewable on an annual basis 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- d. The Executive Committee shall have the right for good and sufficient reason, provided in writing, to suspend membership of any association or individual provided that the individual(s) representing the association or the individual shall have the right to be heard by the Executive Committee before a final decision to terminate is made by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote at a general meeting.
- e. All member groups, associate members and any visitors attending an Edinburgh Tenants Federation activity or event are expected to comply with the ETF Meeting Guidelines.

Ordinary Membership

- f. Ordinary Membership shall be open to all formally constituted democratic associations, including area umbrella groups of associations, in Edinburgh which have rules of membership that are non-discriminatory and support the purpose and objectives of the Federation as outlined in the constitution and which actively seek to represent the various needs of their communities. A copy of the new member group's constitution should be submitted to the Federation. Ordinary Members shall herein be referred to as 'member associations'.
- g. If member associations of area umbrella groups wish individually to become Ordinary Members of the Federation they will be required to apply in their own right.
- h. In the event that a group within an area covered by an existing association seeks membership of the Federation, the following will apply:
 - i) Where groups are of the view that division is in the best interest of their members, and agree that each shall cover a separate geographical area, membership shall be granted, provided that the conditions of 4f) are met.
 - ii) Where there is a disagreement between the parties, the Federation

may be able to assist them to seek agreement. Failing agreement, the Executive Committee reserves the right, at its discretion, to grant or withhold membership.

Individual Non-voting Associate Membership

- i. In areas of Edinburgh where there are no member associations individuals who support the purpose and objectives of the Federation will be eligible to become individual non-voting associate members. This is to encourage wider involvement and the setting up of democratic associations in areas that are not organised. Individual non-voting associate membership will end following the establishment of a member association in the appropriate area.

Non-voting Associate membership

- j. Other organisations which share the purpose and objectives of the Federation will be eligible to become non-voting associate members.