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Edinburgh's Federation of Tenants' and Residents' Associations

Extract of Constitution

Objectives

1. Name:

The group shall be known as the Edinburgh Tenants Federation, hereinafter referred to as "**the Federation**".

2. Purpose and Objectives:

The purpose of the Federation shall be to promote the improvement of the quality of life of residents and the housing conditions of all tenants of rented accommodation (local authority, co-operative, housing association and private sector) and in particular of those at risk for whatever reason of discrimination or social exclusion through:

- i) providing individuals and tenants' and residents' associations (hereinafter referred to as associations) with advice and information and in general promoting their rights with regard to the maintenance and improvement of their housing conditions, environment and communities;
- ii) providing opportunities for individuals and associations to influence and participate fully in decisions that affect their housing conditions, environment and communities;
- iii) supporting the development of associations and providing opportunities for them to work together on matters of common interest for the benefit of their members.

The objectives of the Federation are:

- a. to ensure maximum resident participation in the development and carrying out of proposals relating to the social, economic, physical and environmental regeneration of the communities of Edinburgh;
- b. to promote tenants' rights and the maintenance and improvement of their homes and environment;
- c. to ensure maximum tenant participation in the development and implementation of an Edinburgh housing strategy and the associated housing policies and management services;
- e. to unify and strengthen associations in Edinburgh;
- f. to assist and encourage the setting up of associations;
- g. to assist members to exchange information and provide mutual support across the neighbourhoods, communities and areas of Edinburgh;

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- h. to co-ordinate and represent the member associations on strategic city-wide initiatives to achieve common goals;
- i. to assist and support the member associations in making their own representations in furthering their objectives at neighbourhood and area levels;
- j. to co-operate with, and associate with, other organisations, local, city-wide, or national, on matters of common concern;
- k. to uphold equal opportunities and work for good relations among all members of the community, specifically prohibiting any conduct which discriminates or harasses on the grounds of race, religion, political beliefs, gender, disability, age and sexual orientation; and,
- l. to develop good practice on equal opportunities and in protecting and improving the environment.