

Hjaltland Housing Association

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

General Members of the Association are those people who have purchased a Share in the Association and whose names are entered into the Register of Members.

Who can join?

Membership is open to anyone over 16. We also accept applications from organisations as well as individuals.

Admission to membership is at the discretion of the Committee. The Committee will normally refuse membership (a) if the applicant is not living in Shetland, (b) if the applicant is involved in court action or other formal dispute with the Association, or (c) if there are good grounds for believing that their membership would bring the Association into disrepute.

Management Committee decisions on applications for membership will take full account of the full Association Membership Policy and the Rules of the Association and will be made in the interests of the Association, our tenants and other service users.

Decisions on membership will have no regard to the protected characteristics covered by the Equalities Act.

Where an application is unsuccessful, we will provide a statement of the reasons for refusal. An applicant will then have one further opportunity to request membership and to give reasons why the decision should be changed; this should normally be made in writing. The Committee will consider the reasons at its next meeting wherever practicable and its decision on that occasion will be final.

How to join

We will provide an application form to anyone expressing an interest in joining. The information requested will be only what is required to enable the applicant's eligibility to be assessed in accordance with the Associations Membership Policy.

Applications for membership will, where possible, be considered at the next Committee meeting after a completed application form with a £1 share payment has been received at our registered office.

Promotion of Membership We will promote membership widely throughout the Shetland communities and will specifically target promotion at our tenants and other

service users in newsletters, on our website and in other appropriate communications.

Termination of Membership

Membership will cease when a member:

- resigns by giving written notice to the Secretary. The notice comes into effect one month later.
- becomes an employee of the Association.
- is expelled in accordance with the Rules.
- changes address but does not notify the Association of their new address within three months, unless the new address is also a property of the Association.
- dies.

General Members' responsibilities

General Members are entitled to vote at General Meetings, to nominate and vote on membership of the Management Committee and are eligible to be nominated to membership of the Management Committee.

Responsibilities are limited to ensuring they do nothing to bring the Association into disrepute and to exercise their constitutional rights in support of the Association's purpose and objectives.

General Members agree to their names being included on a public register.

HJALTLAND HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I,

wish to apply for membership of Hjalmland Housing Association Ltd and have my name entered in the Register of Members of the Association.

I understand that membership is not a condition of receiving a tenancy.

I am over 16 years of age and am/am not a tenant of the Association.

I enclose £1 for one non-returnable share which carries no right to any interest, dividend or bonus.

Signed

Date

Home Address:

Email address:

We would be grateful if you would also answer the following questions which will help us build up a library of skills and experience to call upon and ensure that we are representative of the community.

Are you or have you been a Tenant, Local resident Council or Community Council or Other?

What are your work skills?

Do you have voluntary work experience?

Do you have any other skills/experience you think are relevant?