Become a member

Shareholder Information

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Why become a Member

As a matter of policy we seek to ensure that Viewpoint has a broad based membership which reflects our constitution and the communities we serve. We welcome members who have an interest in our work and support our purpose.

As a member you will be entitled to receive a copy of Viewpoint's Annual Accounts each year and

- Attend and vote at Annual or Special General Meetings
- Seek election to the Board of Management
- Vote in any elections to the Board

Who can become a Member?

Anyone who is 18 years or older may apply for membership unless they are already a tenant. Any tenant can apply for membership from the age of 16. An organisation can also become a member and appoint a suitable person to act as its representative.

Members will be expected to adhere to the principles and expectations set out in Viewpoint's Code of Conduct.

Applying for Membership

Any enquiry about membership of Viewpoint will be passed to the Secretary who will issue an application form together with a covering letter giving details of how an application should be submitted and how it will be processed. The completed application form along with £1 Membership fee must then be returned to the Secretary at our registered office.

Alternatively, applications and payment can be made on our website here: https://www.viewpoint.org.uk/about-us/become-a-member/

Secretary's details

David Aitken
Viewpoint, 4 South Oswald Road
Edinburgh EH9 2HG

Next Steps

Our Board of Management will normally consider the application at its next meeting. An application for membership will not be considered by the Board within the 14 day period occurring before the date of a general meeting.

If your application is approved, the Secretary will write to you enclosing your Share Certificate and a copy of Viewpoint's Rules. In principle, Viewpoint has the right to refuse membership to any applicant who might bring Viewpoint into disrepute or otherwise harm Viewpoint. If your application is refused, the Secretary will write to you giving the reasons for refusal, advise you of your right to appeal against the decision and the process to follow if you wish to appeal.

Ending your Membership

You can end your membership by giving the Secretary one month's notice in writing. Viewpoint may end your membership if:

- You have failed to attend five annual general meetings in a row and you did not submit apologies (12.2 of our Rules refers)
- You have failed to tell us of a change of address (11 of our Rules refers). This rule does not apply if you are a Viewpoint tenant and have moved home by transferring your tenancy to another property owned and managed by Viewpoint
- Viewpoint receives a complaint about your behaviour and two-thirds of the members voting at a special general meeting agree to this (13.1 of our Rules refers)

The value of the share will then belong to Viewpoint with effect from the date of termination. The £1 Membership fee will not be refundable on termination of membership but will become the property of Viewpoint.