



MOLENDINAR PARK HOUSING ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

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Date of Next Review: June 2020

Molendinar Park Housing Association
3 Graham Square
Glasgow G31 1AD

*Registered in Scotland 2400 R(S)
Registered Scottish Charity SC043725
Registered Property Factor PF 000125*

POLICY

1. Introduction and Purpose of the Policy

- 1.1 The purpose of the policy is to ensure that MPHA is fully representative of its tenants and the people who use and / or benefit from our services and activities. It also aims to ensure that the Association is able to draw on specialist skills that may be required in achieving its objectives.

This policy complies with the Scottish Housing Regulator and the Scottish Social Housing Charter.

- 1.2 Molendinar Park is a Registered Social Landlord (RSL) which aims to build and sustain balanced communities in the East End of Glasgow. We have a mix of housing stock which combines properties built in the 1920s and 1930s and properties built towards the end of the twentieth century, some of which we have built ourselves. We own and manage just under 500 houses and provide factoring services to 336 owners.
- 1.3 As a RSL, we are regulated by the Scottish Housing Regulator. We are also a Scottish Charity and are registered as a Property Factor.

2. Being a Member of MPHA

- 2.1 We are a membership organisation which is run by a voluntary Management Committee. The Management Committee appoints staff to run the organisation on a day to day basis. Members of MPHA receive information about our activities and are able to attend our Annual General Meeting. The AGM elects members of the Management Committee, so members can have a say in who is elected and can stand for election themselves. Becoming a member of the association gives you the opportunity to show your support and have a say in the association's affairs.

There are two categories of membership:

- Individual members
- Organisation Membership

3. Criteria for Membership

- 3.1 **Individual Membership** is open to tenants and customers of MPHA and other people who, in the opinion of the Management Committee, have a legitimate

interest in supporting the activities of the Association and can contribute to the achievement of MPHA's objectives.

- 3.2 **Organisation membership** is open to groups or bodies which, in the opinion of the Management Committee, have an interest in MPHA's communities and which support MPHA's objectives. Organisational members will nominate an individual to represent them, for example when attending our AGM

4. Applying for Membership

- 4.1 You must be 16 to apply to become a member of MPHA. Membership applications are considered by the Management Committee at the meeting following receipt of an application. Prospective members must complete an application form and pay £1 (which will be returned in the event that their application is not successful). Applications will be considered in accordance with this policy and the Management Committee's decision about membership applications is final. Successful applicants will receive a Share Certificate and a copy of the association's Rules. The Management Committee will not consider any applications for membership in the fourteen days before the scheduled AGM.

5. Promoting Membership

- 5.1 We will encourage tenants and customers to become members of the association by engaging with our tenants and customers, publicity in our regular newsletters, on our website and by promoting membership to new tenants and customers. In accordance with our Rules, we will maintain an up to date Register of Members.

6. Review

- 6.1 The Management Committee approved this policy at its meeting on 20 June 2017. We will review our membership policy every three years.