



## **MEMBERSHIP**

1. The members of the Association shall be those people who hold a share in the Association and whose names are entered in the Register of Members referred to in Rule 67.

### **APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP**

2.
  - a) To apply for membership, you must send an application form and one pound to the Secretary at our registered office. Our Board will consider your application at its next meeting or as soon as possible after that. We will return your money if we do not approve your application.
  - b) An application for membership will not be considered by the Board within the 14 day period occurring before the date of a general meeting.
  - c) If we approve your application, you will immediately become a member of the Association and your name will be included in our Register of Members referred to in Rule 67 within 7 working days. You will then be issued one share in the Association.
  - d) If you are a representative of an organisation which is a member of the Association, you cannot be a member of the Association as an individual yourself. If you are already a member as an individual when you start to represent an organisation which is a member, we will suspend your membership as an individual, until such times as you are no longer a representative of an organisation which is a member.
3. You must be at least 18 years old to apply for membership unless you are already our tenant. If you are a tenant, you can apply for membership from the age of 16.
4. No member can hold more than one share in the Association.
5. If you change your address, you must let us know by writing to our Secretary at our registered office within 3 months. This rule does not apply if you are our tenant and have moved home by transferring your tenancy or to another property owned and managed by the Association.

## ENDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

6.
  - a) You can end your membership of the Association by giving the Secretary at our registered office one month's notice in writing.
  - b) If the Board is satisfied that:
    - you have failed to tell us of a change of address as set out in Rule 11 or;
    - you have failed to attend and submit apologies for 5 annual general meetings;we will end your membership and cancel your share.
  - c) The value of the share will then belong to us with effect from the date of a Board resolution to that effect. The ending of your membership will be recorded in the Register of Members referred to in Rule 67.
  
7.
  - a) We may end your membership if we receive a complaint about your behaviour and two-thirds of the members voting at a special general meeting agree to this. The following conditions apply to this procedure:
    - i) The members can vote in person or through a representative by proxy;
    - ii) The complaint must be in writing and must relate to behaviour which could harm our interests;
    - iii) The Secretary must notify the member of the complaint in writing not less than one calendar month before the meeting referred to at 13a) takes place;
    - iv) You will be called to answer the complaint at the meeting. The members present will consider the evidence supporting the complaint and any evidence you decide to introduce; and
    - v) If you receive proper notice but do not go to the meeting referred to at 13a) above without providing a good reason, the meeting may go ahead without you.
  - b) If we end your membership in this way, any further application for membership by you will need to be approved by two-thirds of the members voting at a general meeting.

## REPRESENTING AN ORGANISATION

8.
  - a) An organisation which is a member is free to appoint any person it considers suitable as its representative to the Association. That person will represent all of the organisation's rights and powers at our general meetings, but must act with regard to the best interests of the Association.
  - b) To confirm the identity of a representative, the organisation must send us a copy of the authorisation or appointment of an individual as a representative. This should be signed by the Director, Secretary or an Authorised Signatory of the organisation, which signature must be witnessed, or in the case of a local authority, by the Chief Executive or properly authorised Officer of the Local Authority.
  - c) An organisation can change the identity of the person entitled to represent that organisation at any time by confirming the identity of the new representative in terms of 14b) and withdrawing the authority of the original representative.